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Ex-teacher guilty of abusing pupil

By Rachel Osterman
Tribune staff reporter

Outside a Rolling Meadows courtroom Thursday, the family of a Bartlett Elementary School pupil expressed relief that her former teacher had been convicted of molesting her.

"It means we can move on," the girl's father said.

The jury took less than an hour to decide that Kevin Kilgallen, 36, committed aggravated criminal sexual abuse and predatory criminal sexual assault last year when he lured the girl, then 9, into his classroom, molested her and gave her candy in exchange for cooperating.

The verdict capped a three-day trial that exposed in graphic detail how Kilgallen, who was also a supervisor of an after-school program, would pull the girl from after-school activities, place a towel over her eyes and abuse her.

"We're a little safer now," said Michael Gerber, one of the prosecutors.

Cook County Circuit Judge Thomas Fecarotta will sentence Kilgallen next month. He could get up to 44 years in prison, prosecutors said.

Kilgallen, dressed in a dark blue suit, sat stone-faced as the clerk read the verdict, his eyes fixed on the wood table in front of him.

The year since the charges were filed has been trying for the girl, her father said. The Tribune is withholding the names of the girl and her family members because she is an assault victim.

Kilgallen

"At this point she's fine, but 15, 20 years from now, who knows what this will be like?" he said.

The girl's testimony on Tuesday was especially difficult, he said. "She didn't want to do it," he said. But afterward, "I think it felt good to do it because she was so mad."

Perhaps the most damaging evidence in the case was a confession that Kilgallen signed five days after the girl first reported the abuse. In it, he told prosecutors that he "felt guilty" and went on to detail repeated instances of sexual contact with her.

Michael Norris, Kilgallen's lawyer, had tried to question the circumstances around which Kilgallen signed the confession, stressing that the former teacher spent five hours in police custody. But Thursday Norris said part of the reason his client chose not to testify was because the statement was so harmful.

Kilgallen, who taught at the Bartlett school for 11 years, resigned last year. He has four children ages 7, 6 and 2-year-old twins.

The case became a kind of cause celebre at the courthouse. Prosecutors and court reporters from all different divisions crowded into the small trial room to hear the verdict. Officers from the Bartlett Police Department, which initially investigated the charges, filled nearly two benches.

3/26/4 Tribune

Girl, 13, runs away after meeting man on Internet

MISSING: Hayley Foster

FEARS were mounting last night for a 13-year-old girl who may have run away to London to meet a man she met on the Internet.

Hayley Foster is believed to have caught a train to Kings Cross station to meet a man calling himself Simon.

The schoolgirl had left her home in the Bransholme area of Hull on Friday morning after telling her parents she was going on a trip with friends. Police said last night the supposed trip was a made-up cover story to put her family off the scent.

Friends have told detectives that she had previously been in touch with people over the Internet.

It is thought she may have agreed to meet 'Simon' after he told her he had a 15-year-old son. Officers spent yesterday examining computer equipment at her home.

Police in Humberside were last night questioning staff and visitors at Hull's Paragon Station while the Metropolitan Police spoke to people working in the Kings Cross area. Her family and friends were also taking part in the hunt.

Inspector Steve Page, from Humberside Police, said: 'It is very important that we trace Hayley as soon as possible. We are almost certain she is in the capital.'

Hayley is 5ft 2in, fair-skinned, of medium build, with shoulder-length blonde/ginger hair, and was last seen wearing a sandy-coloured jacket, black pinstripe trousers and pink and white Reebok training shoes.

Daily Mail 2/29/4

Police Search for Boy, 10, Stranger in Kankakee Co.

By Tim Gerber
Staff Writer

Kankakee County sheriff's police searched Tuesday for a missing 10-year-old boy who was last seen with a stranger after a fishing trip.

Christopher Meyer and the unidentified man were seen Monday afternoon in a wooded area of Aroma Park on the Kankakee River, three miles southeast of Kankakee, Deputy Tim Bukowski said.

The youth had been fishing in the area all day with two teenage boys, police said. Christopher, who lives with his mother in Washington, was visiting his aunt in Aroma Park.

Witnesses saw the boy with a man described as 35 to 40 years old, with black wavy hair and a mustache. The man was wearing a faded blue T-shirt with the sleeves cut off and faded blue jeans.

The man, about 5 feet 11 inches tall with a medium build, was opening the trunk on a 1985 or 1986 gray four-door Oldsmobile, witnesses reported.

Police found Christopher's bicycle along the south bank of the Kankakee River, upstream and on the other side of the river from where the boy was seen. They recovered one of his sneakers floating downstream.

Police said Christopher has blond hair and blue eyes and was wearing a green tie-dyed shirt, blue shorts and red and black tennis shoes.

Sheriff's crews were searching the river late Tuesday.

Anyone with information on the boy is asked to call Kankakee sheriff's police at (815) 933-3324.

Crime diary was written for police, Dodd says

Associated Press

PORTLAND – Westley Allan Dodd says he kept an illustrated diary of the murders of three young boys so there would be evidence of his crimes in the event of his death.

"I wrote them wanting it to be read eventually," Dodd said last week in an interview with KGW-AM. "I figured if something happened to me, my dad would find it and he would turn them over to police right away. I wanted police to know what had happened."

Dodd, 29, was sentenced to death plus 50 years in prison last week for the murders of Cole Neer, 11, and William Neer, 10, of Vancouver, Wash., and Lee Iseli, 4, of Portland. At the sentencing, Dodd said he doesn't want appeals launched on his behalf and hopes his death will come soon.

Earlier, he told the radio station that he considered committing suicide shortly before moving to Vancouver last fall. He said he also considered killing himself after his arrest, but felt he owed it to the families of his victims to go through the trial "and be punished in whatever way the court and the jury said and not chicken out and take the easy way out."

He said he believed he would be killed "within an hour, if not sooner" if placed in the general population at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. Dodd will be placed on Death Row, where the likelihood of his coming into unsupervised contact with other inmates is remote.

Dodd has conducted more than a half-dozen media interviews from jail. He said he hoped to help parents teach their children how to avoid child molesters like him, but acknowledged that many believe he is conducting the interviews because he enjoys the attention.

Dodd's diaries are filled with raw pornographic language and are illustrated with Polaroid photographs of him sexually abusing one of his victims both before and after death.

Dodd's diaries also contain newspaper stories about the murders and his written plans to buy equipment to make videotapes of himself raping and murdering future victims.

Slain Boy Is Mourned as Picture of Innocence

By Sharon Cotliar
Staff Writer

Long after most mourners left, James Meyer knelt next to his son's grave and wept softly as he clung to Christopher's photograph.

He waited there for quite a while—until the small blue casket was covered with dirt. He waited, friends said, "to make sure Christopher was in his grave and safe."

Friends and family members said a tearful goodbye Tuesday to the 10-year-old boy who went fishing two weeks ago and never came back.

Most tried to put behind them the "heinous" circumstances of his death. No one mentioned Timothy D. Buss, who police say will be charged with his murder, or how the boy had been stabbed numerous times.

No one uttered a word about the eight-day search for his body along the banks of the Kankakee River or how he was discovered in a shallow grave.

Instead, they dwelled on the image of the blond-haired, blue-eyed boy with "unforgettable dimples." A picture of him sat atop his flowered covered casket, and a collage of baby pictures greeted more than 200 mourners who gathered at Schreffler's Funeral Home in Kankakee.

It was that image that James Meyer clung to and that the boy's mother, Mika Moulton, seemed to speak to before he was buried in a green field shaded by oak trees in Aroma Park Cemetery.

"Please help me, help me," to get through this, his mother said, reaching toward the photograph.

Others seemed to find strength in memories, recalling how Christopher loved to fish, draw pictures and sing.

"Christopher enjoyed the little things most of us are too tall to see," said his former pastor, Darlene Garner. "He taught us to find pleasure in puppies, fishing and cartoons." And, Garner said, he taught her to not be afraid of anything when she once rode with him on a roller coaster.

The last time Peg Skyberg saw him, the two talked about how they liked butterflies. Later, Skyberg, a family friend, discovered a gift he had left her: a drawing of a butterfly.

"Christopher was like a butterfly, he was beautiful," she said. "He was a true-blue American kid."

Even those who didn't know Christopher paid tribute to him.

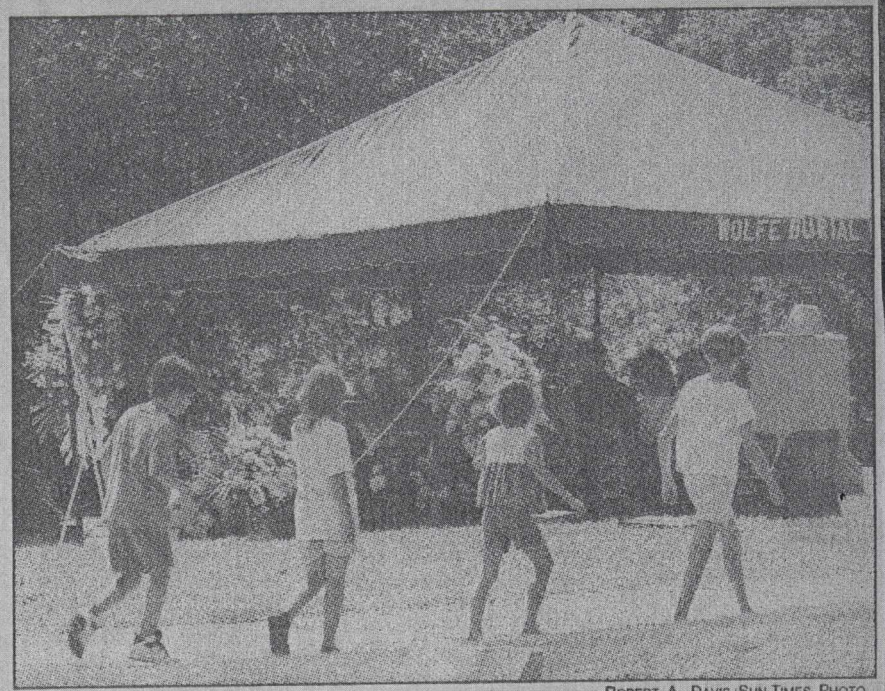
In Aroma Park, where Christopher's mother lives, blue ribbons are still wrapped around trees and stop signs. And neighbors paid their respects Tuesday by pulling their cars to the side of the road as the 50-car-long funeral procession drove past.

This is a community twice scarred, said Sue Hillman, recalling the death of Tara Sue Huffman, the 5-year-old girl whom Buss was convicted of killing 14 years ago.

Tara Sue's sisters, Sondra Bradford and Debra Leathers, stood next to James Meyer and tried to comfort him as he waited for the burial to be completed.

"He wanted to make sure Christopher was in his grave and safe," said Bradford. "That's why he stayed to the end."

Said Hillman: "This shouldn't have happened again."



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Four children walk past the burial site during the funeral of Christopher Meyer, 10.

Girls of ten 'most at risk of abduction'

WHITE ten-year-old girls are more at risk of abduction than any other youngsters, Home Office research suggested yesterday.

The average victim in the 59 child abductions in England and Wales during 2002-2003 was aged ten, while 54 per cent were female and 74 per cent were white, researchers found.

The average victim in the 361 attempted abductions was also ten, while 61 per cent were girls and more than 90 per cent were white.

The report was commissioned after figures showed the total of abductions and attempted abductions increased in 2002-2003 from 584 to 846. Police guidelines on how to record offences with a sexual dimension should be re-examined because they appeared to be under-recorded, say the researchers.

A fifth of child abductions – 12 out of 59 – were sexually motivated. But police figures said just four per cent of incidents involving a stranger had a sexual motive.

3/11/4 Daily Mail

LONDON TICKET: Hayley

HUNT FOR HAYLEY, 13

FEARS were growing last night for a 13-year-old schoolgirl who went missing after meeting a man over the internet.

Hayley Foster's parents last saw her on Friday morning when she left her home in Hull saying she was going on holiday with friends.

But the trip was a ruse. Police believe she went to London to see a man calling himself Simon she met via an internet chat room.

Friends say she had a ticket to King's Cross. "Simon" lives in London and may have a 15-year-old son.

Hayley is 5ft 2in with red hair. She was wearing gold hoop earrings and two necklaces, a sandy jacket, black pinstripe trousers and pink and white Reebok trainers.

Doctor charged with child porn kept date rape drug, official says

BY CURTIS LAWRENCE
Staff Reporter

A children's doctor arrested earlier this week on child pornography charges also had narcotics, including the powerful date rape drug "Special K," in his home and car, according to a state official who announced the temporary suspension of the anesthesiologist's license on Thursday.

Dr. H. Marc Watzman, 37, who most recently practiced at Edward Hospital in Naperville, was arrested Saturday after federal investigators found more than 3,000 images of child pornography at his apartment in the 1400 block of North Wieland.

Among the muscle-relaxing drugs found in a side panel of Watzman's car and in a kitchen drawer were morphine, Diprivan, used to induce unconsciousness, and Ketamine, also known as "Special K," according to court documents.

"Dr. Watzman's possession of these powerful drugs outside of a hospital setting would itself be grounds for an emergency suspension," said Fernando E. Grillo, director of the Illinois Professional Regulation Department. "His apparent insatiable appetite for child pornography made this action even more of a necessity."

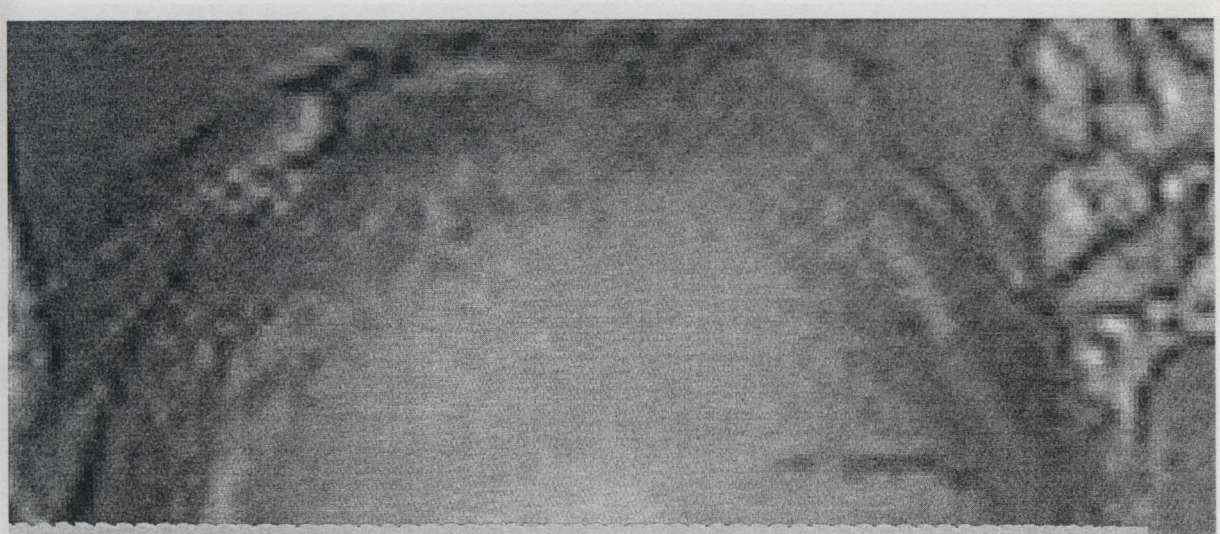
Grillo said his office has been cooperating with U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, who announced child porn charges against Watzman on Monday.

Grillo said he agreed with Fitzgerald that there was no evidence to suggest Watzman's patients were in danger, but added that the risk to young children if Watzman kept his license "was unacceptable."

There had been no complaints to state regulators about Watzman's conduct, Grillo said.

Watzman, who is scheduled for a bond hearing today, completed his residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals in July. He most recently worked in the critical care unit at Edward.

A Professional Regulation Department hearing on Watzman's suspension is scheduled for Nov. 13.



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3 face sex charges after Web site leads police to illicit acts at malls

By Desiree Chen
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Like town squares of old, shopping malls draw not only bargain hunters but also teenagers looking for an after-school hangout, families needing a pleasant place to take the children and senior citizens taking power walks.

As far as crime goes, mall security officers typically are busied with breaking up kids loitering in the food court or helping disoriented shoppers find their cars in mammoth parking lots.

The last thing parents would expect is for their children to walk into a store restroom and discover a sexual solicitation. But that's what happened last month at Schaumburg's Woodfield Shopping Center, where a father and son entered a Sears restroom just before an undercover officer arrested a 21-year-old Romeoville man on a prostitution charge and a 40-year-old Chicago man on a charge of public indecency.

The arrests, and the way Schaumburg police learned that such activity might be taking place, have prompted the largest trade group for the shopping-center industry to warn malls nationwide that similar illicit activity could be occurring in their stores.

The International Council of Shopping Centers, based in New York, also has warned businesses that their establishments could be named on a detailed World Wide Web site that describes malls and other public places to find sex partners, as though the store names had been scrawled on some global bathroom wall.

In the Chicago area, the Web site lists Woodfield, Yorktown Center in Lombard, Oakbrook Center in Oak Brook, Chicago's Water Tower Place, the flagship Marshall Field's store in the Loop and the downtown Saks Fifth Avenue as places where men can have sex with other men, mostly in the restrooms.

It was this Web site that directed Schaumburg police last month to "the Sears men's room, first floor by the shoes" in Woodfield. Over two days, undercover officers arrested two men on prostitution charges and the third man on the indecency charge. The third man told police that he had been going to the same restroom for sex for a year.

"I was shocked, and not just from an industry standpoint, that this was going on," said Malachy Kavanaugh, a spokesman for the council of shopping centers. The group, which has 36,000 members in 70 countries, is investigating whether it has any legal recourse against the Web site for naming specific malls and stores.

Meanwhile, Keith Gilbert, creator of the San Francisco-based Web site, says he is simply providing a forum that allows people to exchange information and meet. Besides, the site is rife with disclaimers and warnings about what kind of conduct would be considered illegal.

"This country that I love so much values free speech, and these mall owners have no grounds to argue about my postings," he said. "In any case, I will not remove these listings."

Security experts agree that increased patrols and occasional involvement by local police are all that's needed to stop such activity or prevent it from occurring.

Since the arrests at Woodfield, Sears has put a sign on the door of the restroom in question. The sign says the restroom is patrolled regularly. Security there and throughout the mall also has been stepped up, said Jim Linowski, Woodfield's general manager.

MORE ON THE INTERNET: The Web is used to fight crime as well as commit crime. Post your thoughts on this case or others on our message board at **chicago.tribune.com/go/schaumburg**

NEW JERSEY

Child killer held job as kids' coach

NEWARK—A convicted child killer from Virginia spent four months coaching children at a New Jersey YMCA before officials learned of his past.

Glenn Barker, 39, was fired Aug. 7 from his part-time job at the South Brunswick YMCA after police notified officials that he is a paroled killer.

But the parents of the estimated 80 children he coached were not informed of Barker's record until Thursday when they were notified by South Brunswick police and the Middlesex County prosecutor's office.

YMCA officials said that they did not tell parents immediately at the request of authorities conducting an investigation. They also noted that they had received no complaints about Barker and that he was never alone with children.

Barker was hired by the YMCA in March after providing three "supportive" references, and was paid $8 an hour to coach groups of children in basketball.

None of those references came from Virginia, where 15 years earlier he was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of a 12-year-old Charlottesville girl who disappeared in July 1982. Her body was never found.

Barker served 9 years of an 18-year prison sentence, having received 30 days of good-time credit for each 30 days served.

New Jersey's so-called Megan's Law requires people convicted of sex offenses or "other predatory acts against children" to register with authorities in the communities where they live. Homicide is not among the crimes that trigger the requirement.

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Town hunting killer of boy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Red ribbons of rage replaced yellow ribbons of hope yesterday as Anthony Martinez' hometown turned its attention to finding the person who killed the 10-year-old and dumped his nude body in a canyon.

"I'm sensing that people want to find him before the police do — it's an eye-for-an-eye type of thing," said volunteer John Lonkin.

He and hundreds of others in this town 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles prayed for 16 days that the boy with the broad smile would be found alive.

But then a badly decomposed body found in a rocky ravine was identified Sunday as Anthony's. Nude, bound with duct tape and covered with rocks, the body was in a remote desert area, about 90 miles east of Anthony's home.

He was kidnaped April 4 at knifepoint while playing with his stepbrother and friends behind his apartment in this town of 11,000.

"People are just wanting vengeance with this, including myself," Lonkin said. "I never used to feel that way in my life, until now."

But the boy's mother, Diane Medina, said she doesn't want the memory of her son clouded by rage and anger.

"We don't want anybody wearing the red ribbons because we're not angry," Medina said. "We want to remember Anthony with love and compassion."

"It's over for Anthony," she said. "He's home now. He loved Jesus very much . . . he's home where there is no harm, where this man can never reach him again."

Beaumont police said they were organizing a joint task force with the FBI and officials from surrounding areas to hunt down the killer.

Officials said they believe the killer was familiar with the area and had stalked other children in the week before Anthony's abduction.

Sun Times 4/21/97

Body of abducted Calif. boy found

A 10-year-old boy abducted at knifepoint more than two weeks ago was found dead in a rocky ravine in Beaumont, Calif., an autopsy showed Sunday. Dental records helped coroners identify the body of Anthony Michael Martinez. Authorities didn't release a cause of death. A Bureau of Land Management ranger found the body Saturday when he spotted vultures circling in the barren Berdoo Canyon area about 130 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The rocky canyon is about 90 miles east of where Anthony was forced into a car April 4 in a Beaumont alley. Anthony died between two days and two weeks ago, Riverside County sheriff's Sgt. Mark Lohman said.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

Music Box Theater

1:00 PM
BODY WITHOUT SOUL
Wiktor Grodecki, Czech Republic 1996

Body Without Soul is a riveting and heart-wrenching examination of the sexual exploitation of youth. The personal stories of teenage hustlers in Prague are told with unflinching honesty, providing a disturbing and graphic inside view of the exploitation, pain and pitiful existence of young men who, out of necessity, sell their bodies to survive. Since the fall of communism, Prague has become a feasting ground for sexual tourists looking for naive boys. In Prague, there are many. These boys move to the city in the hopes of making a better life for themselves and find ready cash in sex trade work. But they pay a high price. These young men tell their personal stories in their own words, while attempting to hide the pain that lurks behind their eyes. Going one step beyond, the film introduces us to one of the adults who has exploited these children — a top porn producer named Pavel. Pavel gives us a tour of his movie set where he is filming. The juxtaposition of the making of one of his child porn flicks with graphic footage of Pavel performing an autopsy (he also works as a police coroner) throws a harsh and shocking light on the havoc wrought by this abuse. Pavel's account of the way he treats his boys, his care in dealing with AIDS, and the amount of money he makes is contradicted by the boy's stories. Pavel describes his struggle to support his wife and children, and both the hustlers and the porn producer seem to be locked in a sad vicious circle. In the end, behind the sad eyes of these young men, we see a tormented child with a soul full of hopes and dreams struggling to get out. While brilliantly and beautifully filmed, this film is very graphic and is not suitable for more sensitive viewers. (90 mins.)

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Body Without Soul The topic of boy prostitution in Eastern Europe is definitely worth learning more about. Two years ago, the fest gave us *Not Angels, But Angels*. Like that film, director Wiktor Grodecki's second look at the topic mixes condemnation and titillation. This time around, we get a simply astonishing interview with a pornographer who works with the boys but is also a police coroner. We also get more boys telling their tales of prostitution and making porn. Harrowing stuff, and perhaps the candlelit eroticism of some of the interviews is meant to make us feel dirty. It worked. (*H.S.*) *Music Box Theater, 1 p.m.*

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Neighbors pool assets to keep out a molester

$250,000 paid for sex offender's house

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DILLEY, Ore.—When residents in Dilley learned that a child molester was about to move in, they talked of getting guard dogs, arming themselves, burning down his home—even killing him. In the end, they did something more peaceful: They bought the house out from under him.

At least three families pooled their money and struck a $250,000 deal to buy his mother's house, where he had intended to live when he got out of prison.

"If we didn't do everything possible to protect our children, we'd never forgive ourselves if something happened," Christie Unger said. "If all we lose is money, it's worth the peace of mind."

Child abuse experts and law enforcement officials said it's the first time a community has tried to block a molester from moving in by buying him out.

Jonathan I. Hawes, 29, has served nearly five years in prison for sexually abusing two 10-year-old girls in 1993. He had followed them from school to the home of one of the girls and broke in.

Hawes is due to be released Tuesday, and had planned to move into his mother's house on Puma Lane, about 200 feet from a school bus stop. Six families with 10 children live along the winding dirt road.

Over the past few months, the neighbors in this community of 300 to 400 people about 25 miles from Portland looked into buying guard dogs and studied up on when they could legally use deadly force.

"We wanted to persuade him that we hated him so much that people here were bearing arms," said Unger's husband, Paul, whose house at the top of the road is a playground for his four grandchildren, with a pool, riding stables, a trampoline and a collection of gum ball machines.

At a community meeting held July 22 to discuss the situation with Hawes' mother, 50-year-old Wendy Brewton, tempers flared.

"The least violent thing I heard was to burn down his house," said Steven Fredricksen, a father of two.

At one point, a community member got in Brewton's face and shouted, "When can I kill him? When can I kill him?" Unger recalled.

Cooler heads prevailed.

"It was just something I blurted out: 'We'd rather buy them out than burn them out,' " Unger said.

Eventually, Fredricksen's family and at least two others agreed to pay Brewton the average of two state-approved appraisals on her 27 acres and prefabricated house.

"If everyone in the community hates you, wants to sue you, wants to do you bodily harm, do you really have options at this point?" Brewton said.

The neighbors will put down $50,000 and take out a mortgage for the remainder. They expect to close on the property by October, then they'll sell it.

Under Oregon's version of Megan's Law, the 1996 federal statute requiring states to notify neighborhoods when a sex offender moves in, police can alert neighbors only when the offender is classified as predatory. It has not been determined how Hawes will be classified, but Brewton's daughter told neighbors of Hawes' impending arrival.

Parole officer Bob Severe said Brewton's house appeared to meet basic requirements for freed sex offenders because it is isolated from children in the middle of 27 acres of pasture.

But neighbors say the site, nestled in chest-high grass miles away from the nearest police station, provides perfect cover for a sexual predator.

Severe said the neighbors' concerns are understandable but exaggerated.

"When you're dealing with a crime like this, you can never say people are cured, but our experience shows that the number of reoffenders is very small," the parole officer said, estimating it at less than 10 percent in Washington County.

Brewton, an emergency room nurse, is confident her son can be rehabilitated, but the people on Puma Lane don't want to be his neighbors while it happens.

"There may be people who feel [offenders] need a second chance," said Darlene Larson, "and those people should come forward with their addresses."

Bogus fliers label school counselor a sex offender

Foes of Megan's Law feared such a hoax

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J.—As Megan's Law opponents feared would happen, someone slipped official-looking but bogus fliers into neighborhood mailboxes last week falsely accusing a high school guidance counselor of being a child sex offender.

Prosecutors were searching for the culprit and immediately sent letters informing residents of the hoax, the first of its kind since Megan's Law took effect in 1995.

Some neighbors recognized the fliers as fake and called police. The masthead belonged to the fictitious "Department of Sexual and Predatory Crimes."

The counselor, Arthur Goldsworthy, has worked at Bridgewater-Raritan High School since 1959. Prosecutors say his record is clean.

Goldsworthy, 63, said Thursday he has no idea who targeted him. "That's the most upsetting thing about it," he said.

The fliers began appearing March 12 warning that Goldsworthy was a "serious potential threat" to young children.

Prosecutor Stephen B. Rubin said he has no estimate of how many of the bogus notices went out. He said that charges against those responsible could range from harassment to obstruction of justice.

Community notification of local sex offenders began in 1995 but was quickly stopped because of court challenges. The law passed several tests, and notification resumed in January.

The state public defender's office is challenging the law, saying community notification amounts to extra punishment and is open to abuse.

The bogus flier is "an example of how easily Megan's Law can be abused in a way the state Supreme Court never intended," said agency spokesman Bill Heine.

Despite the hoax, supporters of the law defended community notification as providing useful information to parents.

"We should not judge Megan's Law by this single abuse," Atty. Gen. Peter Verniero said.

Goldsworthy said he was particularly upset with The Courier-News of Bridgewater, which first reported the hoax on Thursday after he had asked the paper to not print the story.

The newspaper's editor, Richard A. Leonard, said the incident was newsworthy because it appears to be the first bogus notice under Megan's Law and the article dispelled rumors about Goldsworthy.

Megan's Law requires released sex offenders register with local police and that community organizations and neighbors be notified when an offender is deemed to pose a risk of recidivism.

The law is named for 7-year-old Megan Kanka, who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street. Versions of New Jersey's law have since been adopted in more than 40 states.

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Man who killed Michigan girl kills self

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According to the attorney, Martin admitted killing Lindsay Anne Cross in his home Thursday and dumping her body in a road ditch about 90 mines from the Mattawan, Mich., trailer park where she lived.

A road worker found her body Monday. The cause of her death has not been determined. Police are not saying whether she was sexually assaulted.

Pennsylvania State Police say Martin asphyxiated himself in his mother's garage using the tailpipe on her 1990 Chrysler.

The FBI, state and local police had searched for Martin. Witnesses saw him with Lindsay before she disappeared last Thursday.

Police say Martin, his girlfriend and two daughters recently moved to a house just down the street from Lindsay's home. He had moved from Jackson County, where he was a registered sex offender for a 1994 conviction for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Martin's girlfriend, Carla Linder, was at the Pennsylvania home where he died. According to the attorney, Martin said she knew nothing about the killing.

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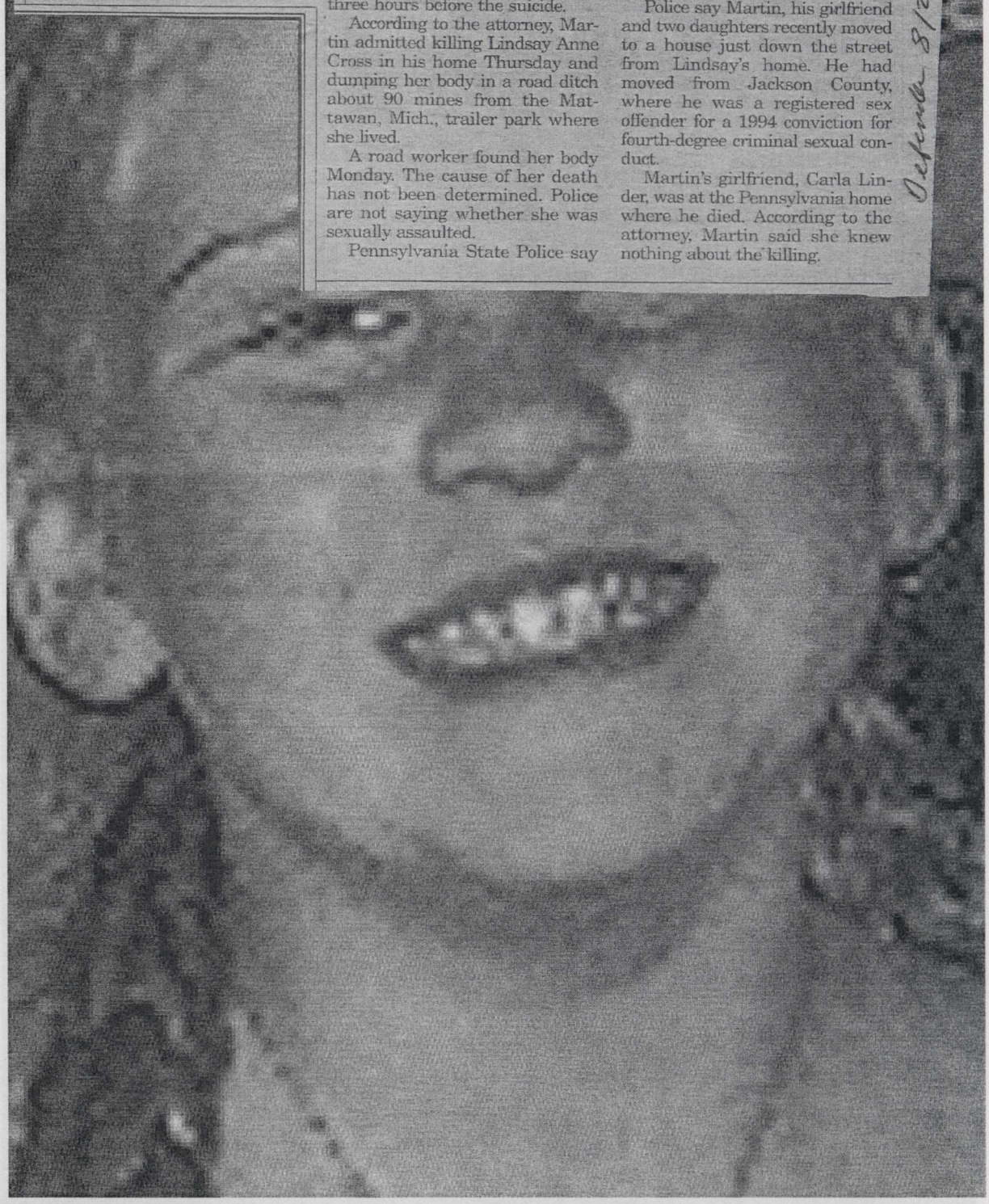

His anonymity gone, molester hangs himself

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—On June 30, in the two blocks around the scruffy rooming house where Michael Allen Patton lived alone, the police spread the word door to door in stark fliers:

Patton was a paroled sex offender with a 22-year history of assaults on women and girls, for which he had served 13 years in state prison.

Five days later, Patton, a 42-year-old sign painter, was found hanging by a rope tied to a tree on the edge of this placid town in the heart of Sonoma County's wine-producing region.

Back in his room, across the street from a YMCA, down the block from a middle school and close to a youth-services organization, investigators found a suicide note describing where the body could be found.

Patton was one of 1,600 people classified as high-risk and violent sex offenders statewide, with his record subject to public dissemination under the provisions of a year-old California law.

He was one of six such offenders singled out by the Santa Rosa Police Department in its first effort at public notification. While Patton's note made no mention of the law or the disclosure, supporters and opponents of the law agree that the chain of events spoke for itself.

"I think it's the inevitable consequence," said Elizabeth Schroeder, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. Schroeder said she believes the case is the first in the state in which a suicide followed public notice. "It was going to happen eventually."

Police officials expressed regret over Patton's death, but they said that there was no indication of any vigilantism against him and that they plan no change in their notification procedures for the most serious offenders.

"We've discussed it, but there isn't anything we could've done to prevent this as far as I can see," said Sgt. Ernesto Olivares, supervisor of the Santa Rosa Police Department's sex-crime and family-violence unit. "The intent of the law is to keep people informed and aware of a potential threat in their neighborhood."

One of Patton's neighbors, Mike Lucas, who lives across the street with his wife, Patti, said Patton could be seen walking in the neighborhood, unkempt—"like low-life," as Patti Lucas put it. The Lucases said that the police flier had made them nervous but that they were glad to have received it.

"I'm sorry this pain caused him to take his life," Lucas said, "but I still want to know if there are violent people in my neighborhood."

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Hometown's rage grows over slaying of kidnapped boy

BEAUMONT—Red ribbons of rage replaced yellow ribbons of hope Monday as Anthony Martinez's hometown turned its attention to finding the person who killed the 10-year-old boy and dumped his body in a canyon.

"I'm sensing people want to find him before the police do. it's an eye-for-an-eye thing," said volunteer John Lonkin.

Lonkin and hundreds of others in this town 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles prayed for 16 days that the boy with the broad smile—kidnapped April 4—would be found alive.

A decomposed body found in a ravine was identified Sunday as Anthony's. It was nude and bound with tape.

Anthony's mother said she doesn't want the memory of her son clouded by anger. "We want to remember Anthony with love and compassion," she said. W302

13-year-old sex suspect to be held till hearing

By James Hill
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Prosecutors said Wednesday that the 13-year-old boy who is alleged to have sexually attacked a 7-year-old girl as she waited for a school bus in the Austin neighborhood was a neighbor of the girl.

"Apparently they only lived about 4 lots from each other," said Assistant State's Atty. Colleen Daly. "The girl and her mother knew the boy because they would see him in the neighborhood, and they often exchanged greetings."

After the girl reported the Tuesday attack to teachers, Chicago police described their suspect as a young man. However, subsequent interviews with the victim—and an account from a 12-year-old friend of the victim who said he saw both emerge from an apartment building where the attack is alleged to have occurred—led police to the boy, officials said.

Assistant Public Defender Wendy Klempner, who is representing the boy, questioned the identification of her client on several fronts, arguing that the difference between a man and 13-year-old boy should be grounds enough to have her client released pending further investigation.

However, Cook County Juvenile Court Associate Judge Charles M. May found probable cause to detain the 13-year-old, who is charged in a juvenile delinquency petition with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and one count of unlawful restraint.

May ordered that the boy, who was released from the juvenile detention center on one-year probation for two drug offenses in August, be kept in custody until a Nov. 22 court appearance.

According to Detective Denise Galbreth, who investigated the case and testified during the hearing Wednesday, the 13-year-old grabbed the girl about 6:30 a.m. in the 5800 block of West Fulton Street, dragged her into the hallway of a nearby apartment building and forced her to perform a sex act.

The boy allegedly fled after further attempts to assault the girl, threatening to kill her if she told anyone, Galbreth testified about her interview with the girl.

The 12-year-old witness told police that he was concerned when his 7-year-old friend did not get on the bus and said he soon saw the 13-year-old leave the building, followed by the 7-year-old, who was adjusting her clothes, Galbreth said.

About 7 p.m., when police went to the boy's Austin neighborhood home, Galbreth said, the boy allegedly said, "I don't know what you want to talk to me for. I don't know what that girl told you, but I didn't rape her."

Klempner argued that, if her client did make such an outburst, it was because news of the assault had already spread throughout the neighborhood.

As the girl was being driven home by her mother, they saw officers taking the boy into custody, and the girl told her mother "that's him," Galbreth said.

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MASSACHUSETTS

A year after pledge, molester is charged with raping boy, 4

BOSTON—A year ago, David S. Kelley assured wary parents in the suburb of Northboro that they had no reason to worry: He had served his time for child molestation and had registered as a sex offender as required by law.

But on Monday, Kelley was arraigned on charges that he raped a 4-year-old boy in the town 30 miles west of here, raising questions about the usefulness of the new registration laws across the country.

He pleaded not guilty.

"The only thing the sex-offender registry information does is provide notification that you have somebody with that disposition living among you," said Northboro Police Chief Kenneth Hutchins. "It doesn't provide a guarantee that the person won't commit another sex offense."

Released from prison in 1996 after serving 10 years for child rape, Kelley, 43, was classified by the state as the most serious type of sexual predator. The classification means he is considered a high risk to repeat his offense.

"They have no reason to worry," Kelley told the MetroWest Daily News at the time. "I stay away from kids. I stay away from everybody. I don't want this brought up again"

The Mail on Sunday October 6, 2002

Head of Classics suspended as he is latest of 7,000 Britons to be named

Rugby School master 'on FBI child porn list'

By **Simon Wright**

A TEACHER at one of the country's top public schools is the latest Briton to be caught up in an FBI investigation into Internet child pornography.

Married Mark Taylor, who is in his forties, has been suspended from his post as Head of Classics at Rugby School, where he has taught since 1997.

He is the latest of 7,000 Britons to be identified by the FBI as an alleged regular user of US pay-per-view child porn websites.

Others included two policemen involved in the inquiry into the deaths of Soham schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.

The teacher's credit card details are thought to appear on the seized bank statements of the so-called Candy Man – the American-based Internet tycoon alleged to be behind the multi-million dollar child porn distribution ring.

Last night, Mr Taylor – who has a reputation as a brilliant scholar – was not at the home, owned by Rugby School, that he shares with his wife, Juliet, which comes rent-free with his £30,000-a-year job.

On Thursday, Mrs Taylor refused to comment when she arrived home alone at around 7pm. Cards containing messages of support from friends were on plain view on the windowsill of the lounge and several days' post lay uncollected on the doormat.

Headmaster Patrick Derham said: 'A member of the teaching staff has been suspended from duty until further notice. I can confirm that the reason for the suspension is connected with a police inquiry into an alleged unlawful use of the Internet.'

Colleagues were said to be stunned at Mr Taylor's suspension.

Part-time classics teacher John King said: 'I am aware of the member of staff you are talking about and of the circumstances behind his suspension. I can't really say any more.'

Rugby School – motto Orando laborando, 'By work and prayer' – charges fees of £5,460 a term. Since joining the school, Mr Taylor has taken charge of several field trips to Italy and Greece and accompanied pupils on week-long holidays walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. He is pictured on the school's website.

POLICE INQUIRY: Teacher Mark Taylor

When asked about the revelations, one sixth form pupil said: 'Everyone knows. You can imagine what's being said. It's shocking, but we've been told that the investigation has to run its course before any judgments are made. For a school like Rugby it's pretty embarrassing.'

The revelations come just days after it was revealed that a police inspector from Sussex, also on the FBI's list of suspects, tried to kill himself with car exhaust fumes.

A friend saved Inspector Chris Wratten, 48, after discovering him in his car inside his locked garage.

He has denied the allegations.

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Prison chief held as Yard widens child porn inquiry

Pete Townshend: Arrested

By **Stephen Wright**
Chief Crime Correspondent

A PRISON governor in charge of dozens of sex offenders has been arrested over child pornography offences, it emerged last night.

The deputy chief of Bullingdon jail was detained by detectives probing the same allegations which led to the arrest of Who star Pete Townshend.

Scotland Yard last night confirmed that Terry McLaren, 47, had been arrested as part of Operation Ore.

Mr McLaren is in joint charge of almost 1,000 male inmates at the Category B training prison in Bicester, Oxfordshire.

A former vice-chairman of the Prison Officers Association, he was released on police bail pending further investigations following his arrest last week.

Details of the prison chief's arrest shocked staff at Bullingdon, which has featured in several controversies including allegations of drug and racial abuse.

A Scotland Yard spokesman confirmed that a 47-year-old man had been arrested near Banbury, Oxfordshire, on January 8 in connection with allegations of possessing indecent images of children.

Officers searched addresses in Oxfordshire and South East London as part of their inquiries, recovering computer equipment. The police spokesman refused to discuss whether prison computers had been examined.

A Prison Service spokesman refused to comment on the arrest, but confirmed that Mr McLaren had been suspended.

It also emerged yesterday that a top civil servant was arrested last month for allegedly accessing paedophile material on the Internet. Yusef Azad, 39, who works at the London Assembly, was also detained as part of Operation Ore.

He has been quizzed over allegations he used his credit card to download illegal images. His arrest has stunned colleagues at the London Assembly, where Mr Azad is paid up to £78,000 a year to act as an independent watchdog on Mayor Ken Livingstone's activities.

Scotland Yard said Mr Azad was arrested at his home in Brixton, South London, and his computer equipment seized. He was later released on bail.

Mr Azad told the Evening Standard yesterday: 'I am still employed by the Greater London Authority. I have no further comment to make. I don't know what you are talking about.'

A spokesman for the Greater London Authority said: 'The GLA can confirm that a member of staff has been arrested and released on police bail. 'But for legal reasons the GLA cannot discuss the identity of the individual or any further details. This is now a police matter.' Mr Azad was appointed to his watchdog post last year and has been praised for improving its performance in monitoring Mr Livingstone and his administration.

PETE Townshend will have to answer allegations that he 'possessed', 'made' and 'incited the distribution of' indecent images of children.

But his case has raised questions about how easy it is to fall foul of the law.

Police sources said merely entering a child porn website and viewing the images in it constitutes an offence of 'possession'.

Those caught may say they stumbled across the images accidentally. Technically, that is no defence.

However, forensic experts can discover if the user was taken to the website automatically or went there deliberately.

They do this by checking the commands the user has made – the so-called electronic footprints.

'Making' child porn happens when someone clicks on to an image and saves it on to their personal system. The law says this is creating a 'new' image.

'Inciting to distribute' is even more complicated. In simple terms, it means that by accessing a paedophile website the user is encouraging the website to send out indecent images.

Legal experts said last night, however, that this interpretation is debatable because the majority of websites are automated, with little human input.

'You cannot "encourage" or deceive a machine, so to incite it is arguably impossible,' said a source.

But the law can also be very clear. Just sending an e-mail of an indecent image counts as distribution.

Typing in credit card details to buy access to a website does not automatically mean someone has committed an offence. The prosecution would have to confirm that indecent images were then viewed.

That information would be on the computer hard drive.

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Journalist sentenced in child porn case

GREENBELT, Md. (UPI) — A former radio journalist who said he was researching a story in child pornography on the Internet, has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for trafficking in the material.

Larry C. Matthews pleaded guilty last summer to two counts of sending and receiving child pornography after a judge said he could not use First Amendment protections as a defense. On Monday he was fined $4,000 and given 60 days to report to begin his sentence.

There is expected to be a request that Matthews remain free while he appeals.

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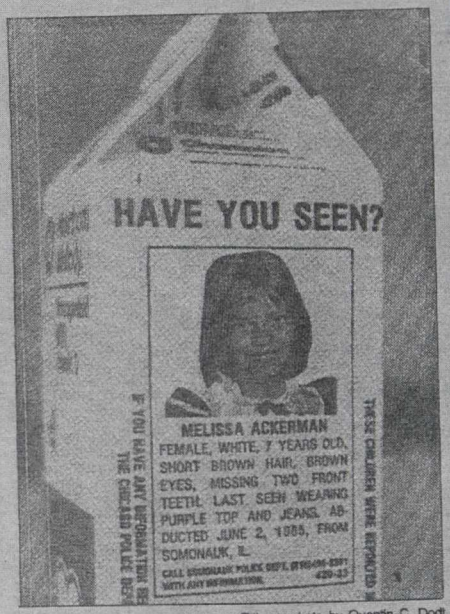

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Melissa's birthday is today

Melissa Ackerman, whose picture is appearing on some milk cartons in the area, was going to have a party for her eighth birthday Wednesday. Page 2.

Across the nation

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MICHIGAN

Role-model mayor accused of child pornography

PORT HURON—A mayor who used his struggle with drug and alcohol addiction to inspire young people to turn their lives around was charged Wednesday with making pornographic photos of girls.

Mayor Gerald "Ajax" Ackerman, 42, was charged with 14 counts of sexual misconduct involving children. He is accused of taking the photos of four girls, said Police Capt. Brian Moeller. Two of the girls are 11; the others are 14 and 9.

Ackerman appears with the girls in some of the photos, allegedly taken between last August and March, Moeller said.

The typically flamboyant and outspoken Ackerman—known for his chest-length beard, ponytail and two earrings in his left ear—stood silent during his arraignment.

A judge entered an innocent plea on Ackerman's behalf and set bond at $25,000 bond. Ackerman paid the bond and was released.

If convicted on all 14 counts he faces, the mayor could be sentenced to life in prison.

Ackerman, honored five years ago by the National Association of Social Workers, became mayor in 1997 of this conservative city of 37,000 along Lake Huron north of Detroit.

He has been considered a role model for children, motivating others trying to break free of addictions. Ackerman has done various volunteer work and even opened his own facility, Clear Choices, where young people and adults can go to get off the street and talk to someone.

He goes by his nickname, after the warrior Ajax in a movie about street gangs, and still prefers to ride his Harley-Davidson and wear leather biker duds.

Child porn sting nets 100 arrests

Multimillion-dollar ring linked to Web firm with 250,000 subscribers

By Kevin Johnson

WASHINGTON—Federal authorities Wednesday announced the arrests of 100 people linked to a multimillion-dollar child pornography operation on the Internet where children as young as 4 were being offered for sexual exploitation.

In the largest investigation of its kind, officials dismantled a Texas-based pornography distributor, Landslide Productions, and used its worldwide list of at least 250,000 subscribers to track down child molesters and a vast network of illegal child porn buyers.

Announcing the results of the investigation Wednesday, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the arrests will help ensure "that cyberspace does not become a free-fire zone to target children."

"What we found [in Landslide] was no different than madams operating a whorehouse where children were being offered for prostitution," said Lt. Bill Walsh of the Dallas Police Department, who assisted U.S. Postal inspectors and the Justice Department in the two-year investigation.

Walsh said hundreds of children were used in photos and videotapes and offered up for sex through Landslide's subscriber-based operation in Fort Worth. In one month, authorities say, Landslide took in $1.4 million from customers seeking access to child pornography, most of it originating outside the United States.

Of the hundreds of children involved, investigators say they have been able to identify only two—a 6-year-old boy from Great Britain and his 8-year-old sister. Police say pictures of the children were taken and distributed by their stepfather. It was not clear whether the man had been charged in Britain.

Among the 100 arrested in the last two years was a 39-year-old West Virginia man who worked at a psychiatric hospital that tended to sexually abused children. In a search of his Cottageville, W.Va., house, postal inspectors found child pornography, including videos. The man, who was not identified, was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison.

This week, a 36-year-old North Carolina computer consultant was sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for producing videotapes depicting the sexual abuse of young girls, one of whom was 4. He also was not identified.

Also arrested in the sting was the former fire chief of Sweetwater, Tenn., who was accused of using a city-owned computer to download and store images.

The probe was launched after investigators discovered Landslide's operation more than two years ago. Owners Thomas and Janice Reedy were convicted last year on federal charges related to possession and distribution of child pornography. Thomas Reedy was sentenced to 1,335 years in prison; his wife is serving 14 years.

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SARAH MAN 'SHAKING AND SWEATING' AT QUIZ

Detective tells court of arrest

ACCUSED: Roy Whiting

MURDERED: Sarah Payne

By HARRY ARNOLD

THE man accused of kidnapping and killing eight-year-old Sarah Payne was "shaking and sweating" the night he was arrested, a jury heard yesterday.

Police went to 42-year-old Roy Whiting's flat just 24 hours after Sarah disappeared. When they asked him about the "grubby white T-shirt" he said he was wearing the previous day he first showed them a black one and then a "pristine white" one, the court heard.

Det Sgt Steven Wagstaff said he was called to Whiting's home after two officers watching him said they thought they had seen him carry something from his van into the flat.

He arrived to find Whiting sitting in his van about to drive off so he blocked him in.

DS Wagstaff said he told Whiting: "The officers have seen you go to the van and remove items. What were they? He said, 'Tools, a tool set'.

"I said, 'I have been told they looked like clothes'. He said, 'Socks, it wasn't tools, it was socks'. He was shaking and he was sweating.

"I said, 'Roy, you have given me two different explanations about something that happened only an hour ago. What was the item you removed?' He replied, 'It was a shirt. I put it in my drawer'."

Earlier DC Christopher Saunders, one of the two officers who went to Whiting's flat, said he asked him what he was wearing the previous day and he said it was a white T-shirt.

Asked where it was, he said it was in his van.

They looked in the van, where DC Saunders saw a "dirty, grubby" white T-shirt on the front seat.

The two officers kept watch from an unmarked police car and saw Whiting twice return to the cab and appear to be looking for something inside.

DC Saunders said he believed Whiting may have taken something from the van into his flat.

The officers went back into the flat and DC Saunders asked him where the T-shirt was.

Whiting went to a wash bag in the bathroom and pulled out a black T-shirt. "I said, 'This isn't the T-shirt'," he told the jury.

In the bedroom Whiting took a white T-shirt from a drawer.

"It was neatly folded and very clean," he said. "I put it up to my nose and I could smell conditioner.

"I said, 'This isn't the T-shirt I saw earlier'. He said absolutely nothing."

Questioned by Sally O'Neill, defending, DC Saunders said the white T-shirt in the van was "very grubby, very dirty".

The one he was shown in the flat was "pristine – they were worlds apart from each other".

The jury has heard the grubby T-shirt was later recovered from the van.

Whiting, of Littlehampton, Sussex, denies kidnap and murder. The trial in Lewes continues.

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FLORIDA

Ranch hand guilty in killing of boy, 9

ORLANDO—A ranch handyman was convicted Friday of kidnapping, raping and murdering a 9-year-old boy whose disappearance turned his parents into crusaders for abducted children.

The jury rejected the defense argument that Juan Carlos Chavez was framed by his bosses and signed a confession only because he feared being deported to his native Cuba.

Chavez, 31, confessed three months after the killing to taking Jimmy Ryce from his school bus stop Sept. 11, 1995, raping him in a trailer on the ranch where he worked, and shooting him as he tried to escape.

Defense attorney Art Koch said Chavez confessed only because investigators terrorized him during a three-day interrogation. He claimed Chavez was a counterrevolutionary who escaped Cuba and feared he would be killed if he was deported.

Since their son's death, Don and Claudine Ryce have become advocates for abducted children. They founded the Jimmy Ryce Center, which buys bloodhounds for police agencies, and they have set up a Web site with pictures of abducted children.

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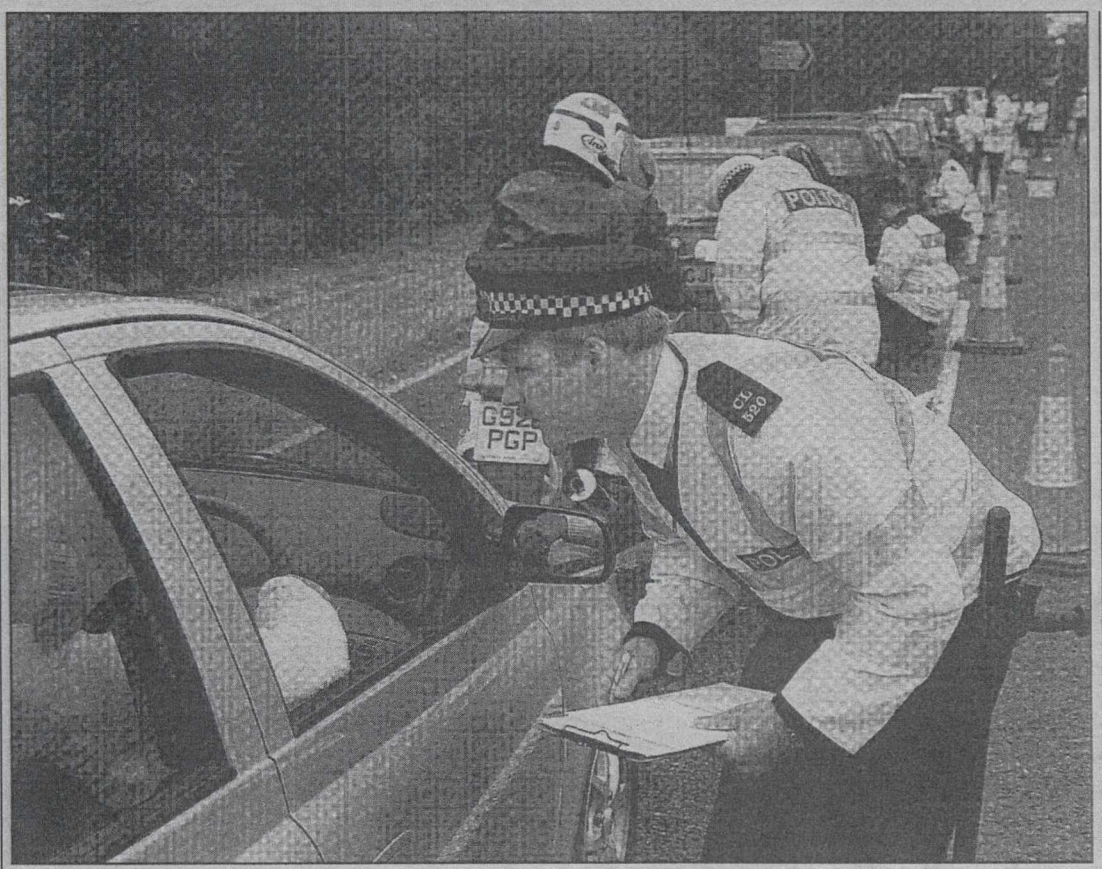


Police question motorists yesterday on the A29 near Pulborough, near where Sarah's body was found PA

Police find blue material they believe is part of Sarah's dress

BY ANDREW MULLINS

POLICE HAVE found a scrap of blue cloth they believe may be from the dress worn by the murdered schoolgirl Sarah Payne, whose naked body was discovered last Monday after an agonising two-week search.

Forensic experts were yesterday examining the cloth found near the field where Sarah's body was discovered. Police said DNA testing could confirm the origin of the fragment and that other DNA traces could help catch her killer. Sarah was last seen wearing a blue Fred Perry-style dress on July 1.

Nick Sandford, spokesman for Sussex police, said: "The material was found at Bramber and we are working to try to confirm whether it is linked with our case or not. Searches are continuing in that area."

Sarah Payne, 8: Vanished in West Sussex on 1 July

The castle at Bramber is only a few miles south-west of North Heath, near Pulborough, West Sussex, where Sarah's body was found. Part of a shoe was also discovered in a different location, but police yesterday said it had not belonged to the murdered girl.

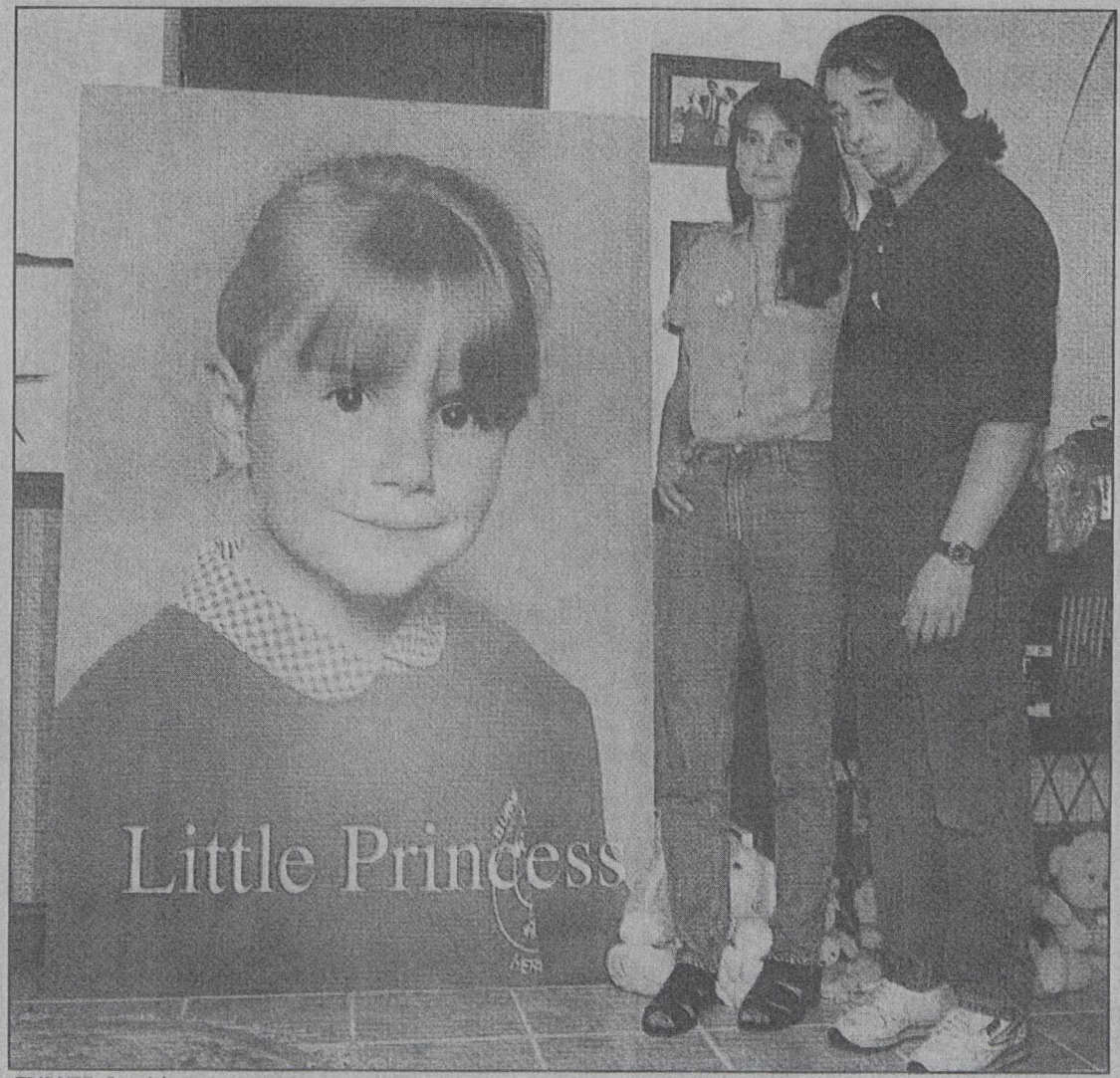
Last Thursday a black shoe was found by a woman 200 yards south of the A272 road in Coolham, West Sussex. Police officers sealed off the A272 and part of the B2139 between Thakeham and Coolham following the find. Police said it was possible the shoe had been tossed from a moving car.

On Saturday evening, three weeks after Sarah's disappearance, roadblocks were set up by police on the A29 and stayed until yesterday evening.

Detectives also questioned people at local events, including a car boot sale at the Toat Cafe on the A29, a mile south of where the body was found.

Mr Sandford said the operation to question motorists on the A29 overnight had been worthwhile: "We completed just under 2,000 [roadside interviews] and it has been very successful," he said. "It's too early to say at this stage whether we have got any significant information, although there has been information passed to us that we will be doing research on. Members of the public have been very supportive."

Attempts to find crucial witnesses continue after a millionaire farmer dropped his claim for £10,000 compensation for damage caused to his crops when police searched his land for the eight-year-old.



TRIBUTE: Sarah's parents yesterday with the giant picture that will be displayed at the cathedral memorial service

SARAH PHOTO TRIBUTE

Memorial to 'princess'

By HARRY ARNOLD

MURDERED Sarah Payne's smiling face will dominate a service in her memory today.

A 5ft picture of the tragic eight year old will look out on mourners. Written underneath is the nickname given to her by her parents — "Little Princess".

Mum Sara and dad Michael, both 31, have issued an open invitation to attend the service at Guildford Cathedral. It will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorking.

Sara said last night: "Everyone is welcome to come and help us say goodbye to our little girl."

The children's hymn All Things Bright And Beautiful will be sung for fair-haired Sarah, who believed in Jesus and said her prayers before bed each evening.

Then family and close friends will tell of their memories of the youngster, whose fate touched the nation's heart.

Sarah was snatched from a country lane near her grandparents' home in Kingston Gorse, West Sussex, on the evening of July 1.

She had been playing with brothers Lee, 13, and Luke, 11, and sister Charlotte, six. Her body was found dumped near Pulborough, West Sussex, 16 days later. The hunt continues for her killer.

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WHOSE IS THIS LOGO?

CLUE: Sarah Payne

By ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

THIS logo could hold the key to catching the killer of Sarah Payne.

The distinct tyre and spanner design was seen on a lorry driving past the field where the body of the eight-year-old Surrey schoolgirl was found.

The driver of the HGV carrying it had to slam on his brakes to avoid smashing into a white van which pulled out of the field on the night of her death.

Police believe the van may have been driven by Sarah's killer and yesterday made an urgent appeal for anyone who recognises the logo to contact them.

Det Supt Peter Kennett, heading the inquiry, said: "The van came out of a turning exactly where Sarah was found.

"His erratic driving is an indication of how nervous he would have been."

He said the driver of the lorry may have caught a glimpse of the van's driver as he sped away from the field at 11pm on Saturday, July 1.

He may even have noted the van's registration plate in order to complain about the motorist's dangerous driving.

The van fits the description of the Transit-style vehicle Sarah's brother Lee spotted in the lane at Kingston Gorse, West Sussex, where she vanished.

The seven-and-a-half ton white curtain-sided lorry is believed to be British but not local. It was 30ft long and 12ft high. There was writing above and below black and white logos on the rear.

Trucker may be a vital witness

Police have tried to trace the lorry for six weeks after a man came forward to say he witnessed the near collision.

The 40-year-old father was travelling home to Croydon from Bognor Regis.

He had followed the lorry for about 10 miles on the A29, heading north, before the white van pulled out of the field with only side lights on. Four miles later the van turned right towards Barns Green.

Det Supt Kennett said: "We are fairly confident his description is accurate.

"It is absolutely essential that the driver comes forward. It is highly likely they have seen the vehicle driven by the person who buried Sarah."

"Someone surely recognises the logo."

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Jimmy Ryce jury selection begin

Jury selection in the trial of Juan Carlos Chav charged with killing and dismembering a 9-year- south Florida boy, has begun (Monday) in Orlando, F

The trial in the three-year-old case was moved fr Miami to central Florida after several delays becau of the difficulty of finding a jury untainted by ne reports of the slaying.

Chavez is charged with the death of Jimmy Ry the south Miami-Dade County boy who was abduc and killed as he walked home from his school bus Se 11, 1995.

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With child killer near, parents wary

MADISON—A convicted child killer spent his first day in a Madison halfway house Tuesday, and authorities were ready for him.

Extra police patrols, fliers warning nearby businesses and thousands of letters sent home with schoolchildren were among the moves taken to prepare for the arrival of Gerald Turner, officials said.

Some parents near the halfway house are worried that Turner, whose case inspired Wisconsin's sexual predator law, is living too close by.

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'Steam-cleaned' look of scruffy Sarah suspect

By **Paul Harris**

THE man accused of murdering Sarah Payne looked as if he had 'steam-cleaned' himself the day after she disappeared, a court was told yesterday.

Roy Whiting was normally scruffy, unkempt and wore dirty clothes, builder Terry Heath said. But when he saw the 42-year-old mechanic just over 24 hours after Sarah had been abducted, he was clean, smart and wearing slacks and a shirt.

The prosecution at Lewes Crown Court has already invited the jury to consider whether Whiting deliberately changed his appearance after allegedly kidnapping the eight-year-old and driving her off in his van.

The nine men and three women have heard that Sarah's brother Lee saw a man grinning and waving at the wheel of a white van which sped off from the spot where Sarah disappeared on July 1 last year.

Mr Heath told the court he employed Whiting as a labourer on four building jobs last summer.

He never socialised with him but regarded Whiting as a good enough worker.

On building sites he was always scruffy and dirty.

Asked by Mr Crispin Aylett, junior prosecuting counsel, to describe Whiting's personal hygiene, he said: 'He never smelled but he was always untidy and dirty. His clothing was very dirty.'

On Sunday July 2 – the day after Sarah vanished – he saw Whiting outside his flat in Littlehampton, West Sussex. Then, he said, he was 'very smart and very clean – steam-cleaned, in fact.

'His general appearance was always scruffy clothes, unshaven and rough-looking.

'But he was very clean and smart. I'd never seen him smart before.'

Cross-examined by Sally O'Neill QC, defending, he denied he had added details to his statement about Whiting's appearance only after he realised police were interviewing him about her death.

Earlier the court heard how Whiting had been wearing a dirty T-shirt and muddy stained jeans when police arrested him later the same evening.

Dr Ewan Gerrard, who examined Whiting at Chichester police station the next day, said that he was unshaven with grey hair and ingrained dirt on his hands and under his finger nails.

Dr Gerrard said he found three small scratches on Whiting's body.

One, on the left of his chest, was said to be between two and three days old.

A superficial scratch on his left upper arm and another measuring less than an inch on his right forearm were one or two days old.

Whiting, who denies abducting and murdering Sarah, gave no explanation for the scratches.

The hearing continues.

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Roy Whiting: 'Always unkempt and dirty'

The Mail on Sunday January 2, 2005

Murdered Amy: The last tragic picture

By **Alistair Self**

This is the last picture taken of pregnant 14-year-old Amy Williams before she was murdered and left naked in a churchyard on Boxing Day evening.

The photograph, taken on Christmas Day and released yesterday by her heartbroken mother, shows Amy wearing the pink tracksuit she had on when she disappeared.

Police revealed yesterday they have found footage from a CCTV camera which shows Amy walking along a residential road in Telford, Shropshire, at 10.30pm on Boxing Day, close to her home and the party she attended before she vanished.

Previously, the last sighting was at 9pm. The footage shows Amy alone, seemingly well and not in any distress.

A police spokesman said: 'This is very helpful to us. But Amy's pink tracksuit is still missing and it is vital we find it.'

Yesterday, Amy's mother Jane Chattell, 39, said: 'Amy was my best friend as well as a wonderful daughter. She was a massive part of my life that I have sadly lost and cannot be replaced.'

A 27-year-old man from Telford has been arrested on suspicion of murder. He was in custody last night.

CLUE: Amy Williams in her pink tracksuit

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Four boys charged with attack on girl

CINCINNATI (UPI) — A 10-year-old Cincinnati boy is charged with a delinquency count of rape against a 7-year-old girl, and three other boys ages 10, 9 and 8, are accused of gross sexual imposition in the same crime.

The unidentified 10-year-old had been expected to admit the charge today but a juvenile court magistrate was unsure whether the child met the legal standard of competency. His case was continued to next Wednesday.

All four were placed on electronic monitoring and will be allowed to attend school but the magistrate ordered them to stay away from the victim.

Juvenile Court Administrator Jim Ray told United Press International the victim's mother indicated the 8-year-old actually helped the little girl.

Sex offender stabbed at Cook County Jail

BY FRANK MAIN
Crime Reporter

A Cook County Jail inmate was recovering Tuesday from a stabbing in a maximum-security wing of the Southwest Side complex.

Demtre Golden, 28, was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital for a wound to the chest. At least three other inmates are suspected in the attack, said Bill Cunningham, a spokesman for Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan, who runs the jail.

Golden was booked into the jail in June on a charge of failing to register as a sex offender. The motive for the attack is unclear, Cunningham said, but investigators are looking into whether it was related to his history as a sex offender or whether it was gang-related.

Girl, 7, attacked on way home

On July 26, a 7-year-old girl was followed from school to her Albany Park home where, as she climbed the stairs, a man grabbed her, tried to pull her down the stairs, and fondled her, Chicago Police said. She grabbed the stair railing and screamed, which caught the attention of someone inside the residence who came out and asked what was going on. The attacker fled on a light blue bicycle and now police are trying to find the man involved in the noon-hour incident. He was described as a Hispanic man, age 18 to 40, about 5 foot 6 with a medium build, with an olive complexion, large lips, short black hair and a receding hairline. Witnesses described him as clean-shaven. Call Chicago Police, (312) 492-3810, with information.

Sun Times
8/3/5

Ex-Prospect High choir teacher is found guilty of sexual abuse

By George Houde
Special to the Tribune 9/8/16

After deliberating for more than six hours, a Cook County jury late Thursday convicted a former Prospect High School choir instructor and assistant football coach of sexually abusing a female student in October 2003.

Jason Krigas, 36, of Fox River Grove, was found guilty of one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, after a trial during which he was portrayed by a Cook County prosecutor as a man who was careful to approach his alleged victims only when no one was around.

Krigas' conduct was "most reprehensible" for a teacher, said Assistant State's Atty. Mike Andre during closing arguments Thursday in the Rolling Meadows branch of Circuit Court.

Defense attorney Stephen Komie said Krigas was the victim of a vengeful teenage girl, then a high school junior, who was angry at him because she was disciplined and made up a story about being fondled in 2003.

Krigas, who had been on trial since Aug. 29, was found guilty of putting his hand inside the student's blouse in a copier room at the high school in Mt. Prospect and fondling her breasts. The student said the incident happened in October 2003, though she did not report it to school officials until February 2005.

Jurors began deliberations Thursday afternoon and announced they had reached a verdict around 11 p.m. Judge John Scotillo on Thursday had granted jurors' requests to see transcripts of the testimony of some witnesses, including the accuser.

"Our teachers are supposed to make certain our students are safe and not take sexual advantage of them," Andre said. "Instead of her looking back on fond memories, she has the memory of being sexually abused by her teacher."

In his closing arguments, Komie told jurors that there were no witnesses.

"You're being asked to decide what went on in a copy room at Prospect High School," said Komie, holding up an enlarged photo of the room. "This is not some sleazy hotel room. Nobody would go to the copy room to have sex. . . . You can say anything, but that doesn't make it true."

Komie also said it was more than a year before the girl went to school authorities. He said the girl had continued to be part of the choral program, attending classes Krigas taught and performances he led.

Krigas was an award-winning and highly praised choral teacher and an assistant football coach who was fired last year after he was arrested. He had worked at Prospect for 12 years.

Telephone bills for text messages between the girl and Krigas—1,500 of them in September and October 2003—were a key issue in the trial.

ACROSS THE NATION

FLORIDA

Killer of girl, 11, sentenced to die

SARASOTA — A former mechanic convicted of raping and murdering 11-year-old Carlie Brucia, whose abduction was caught on a car-wash security camera, was sentenced to death Wednesday for her murder.

The jury that convicted Joseph Smith recommended that he be executed, and the judge agreed. Smith, 39, showed no emotion as Judge Andrew Owens read the official sentence.

Last month, Smith had tearfully apologized during a hearing, saying: "Every day I think about what I did and beg God for forgiveness."

He said he had taken heroin and cocaine in an attempt to kill himself before he abducted Carlie in 2004. Smith said he didn't remember much about that day and asked Owens to spare him for the sake of his family.

Tribune 9/9/16

Daily Mail, Saturday, January 3, 2004

Teenager charged with murdering girl of 10 at party

By **Beth Hale**

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl was strangled at a family Christmas party.

Rosie May Storrie was found face down on a bed at the home of friends.

She had gone to the party with her father Graham, mother Mary and brothers Luke, 16, and Laurence, 13.

Rosie was seen alive at around 9pm but 20 minutes later another child raised the alarm after finding her slumped on the bed. She was taken to hospital but failed to regain consciousness and died the next day.

A post-mortem examination gave the cause of death as strangulation.

Last night Rosie's parents paid tribute to the girl they called the 'light of their lives'.

Mr Storrie, a 45-year-old textile company boss, said: 'We would like to thank our family and friends for their continued support in the tragic loss of Rosie May.

'She was a very special ten-year-old who was the light of our lives, a star upon the stage in local panto and in everyone's eyes. She will be desperately missed by her parents and brothers.'

The party took place on Sunday at a gated property in Normanton, Leicestershire, just a short distance from the Storrie family's luxury house in Bottesford.

Yesterday Paul Smith appeared in court charged with murdering Rosie at the home of his uncle. The 17-year-old, from Sedgebrook, near Grantham in Lincolnshire, spoke only to confirm his identity.

Above: Rosie May Storrie was found slumped on a bed Right: Paul Smith who is charged with her murder

Magistrates waived rules against identifying juveniles in court because Smith turns 18 next week.

He was denied bail and was remanded in custody for a week.

Rosie attended Belvoir High School in Bottesford. Her 42-year-old mother runs a nanny and au pair service.

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Florida girl's killer sentenced to death

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Last month, Smith had tearfully apologized during a hearing, saying: "I take responsibility of my crimes. I don't understand how this could have happened. . . . Every day I think about what I did and beg God for forgiveness." Smith, 39, said he had taken heroin and cocaine in an attempt to kill himself before he abducted Carlie in 2004. Smith said he didn't remember much about that day and asked Owens to spare him for the sake of his family. Four days after she disappeared, Carlie's body was found on the grounds of a Sarasota church.

AP

On tape: Joseph Smith seen with Carlie Brucia.

Daily Mail, Saturday, January 17, 2004 LTV

Boy aged 12 locked up for rape attack

A BOY of 12 yesterday became Britain's youngest known rapist after he was convicted of attacking a nine-year-old girl during a game of hide and seek at his home.

Kyle Abdo was just 11 at the time of the attack, in which he pinned the girl down on his bed while their mothers sat chatting downstairs.

The girl's mother knew nothing of what had happened until her daughter broke down in tears the following day.

Sentencing the schoolboy to 30 months' detention following a three-day trial at Liverpool Crown Court, Judge Gerald Clifton told him he had left his victim 'deeply traumatised'.

Ordering that he register as a sex offender for life and lifting an order banning him from being identified, the judge said: 'This was a bad offence. You hurt the girl in many ways and you have shown no remorse.'

The court had heard how the girl and her mother had been at the boy's house in the Wavertree area of Liverpool on April 4 last year when the attack happened.

The two youngsters had been upstairs on their own playing hide and seek when he found her and told her to stay.

She objected but he threw her on to the bed before raping her.

Afterwards he just said, 'found you' and left the room, said Julie Forsyth, prosecuting.

By **Chris Marritt**

The following day, the girl broke down in tears and made the rape allegations against him to her mother.

Abdo had used 'some force' against his young victim and had hurt her, the court heard.

'More serious than the physical hurt was the psychological damage that was caused,' the judge said. 'Your victim has been deeply traumatised and acutely affected by this offence.

'Reports on you suggest that you have no remorse whatsoever and you continue to deny what you did and in a way you are almost proud of your behaviour.'

'You have shown no remorse'

The boy denied the assault, despite 'the most clear and powerful scientific evidence', the judge said. DNA evidence showed there was a billion to one chance against anyone else being the attacker.

Abdo, who showed no emotion during the trial or in yesterday's hearing, claimed the girl had asked him for sex.

He was cleared of two further rape charges and one attempted rape, all relating to the same victim. One of the alleged attacks related to an incident on the girl's ninth birthday.

Stuart Driver, defending, said in mitigation that Abdo had been taken away from his family and put in foster care since the allegations came to light, which he described as a punishment in itself.

Lifting the order naming Abdo, Judge Clifton said: 'I have come to the conclusion that in this case his name can be published, not so that he is shamed but so the public at large, and in particular young people and their parents who will eventually live in the vicinity of this defendant, are aware of the possible dangers in their children associating with him.

'I hope there will be no danger at all but nevertheless the public are entitled to know that this young man has a conviction for rape.'

The girl had also claimed that Abdo had sexually abused her on around nine occasions, beginning when she was five, but the court heard that a child under ten cannot be guilty of an offence.

There were consequently no charges against him involving allegations before his tenth birthday.

In 2002, a boy of 11 was placed on the sex offenders register after he admitted indecently assaulting a girl in a wendy house when he and his victim were both ten.

'Kidnap' girl turns up after ten years

A GIRL who vanished when she was 14 has turned up ten years later living only two miles from her father's home.

Police are convinced that for at least four years Tanya Kach was kept locked up inside the house of the man who abducted her.

For much of the remaining six, they believe she was too terrified to try to escape from security guard Thomas Hose.

Police are also looking for a woman who helped change the teenager's appearance by cutting and restyling her hair days after she first vanished.

Hose, 47, was accused of various sex assault charges. Kidnap charges could follow.

He kept Tanya (pictured with father, Gerry) locked in a bedroom in his home in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She escaped because he began to allow her out and, despite her fear, she befriended a couple who ran the local shop. She started to open up to them and two days ago revealed her real name.

Yesterday, she was reunited with her parents. Her father said: 'There is a God and he brought my little girl back home.'

My secret life

'Bold as brass' Maxine Carr goes unrecognised in pub and at shops

Celebration: Maxine Carr pictured in 2002

Daily Mail Reporter

MAXINE CARR has spoken of her delight at being able to mingle in society unnoticed, it was revealed last night.

The former girlfriend of Soham child murderer Ian Huntley has boasted about how she went unrecognised on a recent shopping trip.

She has also enthused over the fact that no one approached her when she celebrated her freedom in the pub with friends after being released from jail.

Carr, 27, was granted a 'catch-all' injunction after her lawyers said she had received death threats while still serving her sentence for perverting the course of justice.

Judges granted an order preventing her whereabouts or any new identity she takes on from being revealed. It also forbids any attempt to find out about Carr's new life.

However, since the successful application she is said to have laughed and joked with friends about how 'everything had turned out well', a source close to her revealed.

The source said Carr was now feeling happy and settled, effectively living as an 'invisible person' and added: 'Maxine talked about how she was not recognised when she went on a shopping trip and she seemed quite proud of it.

'It was almost as if she was still seeking attention by pointing out this "success".

'She is as bold as brass and claims not to care what anybody thinks of her. But she's still caught up in her own notoriety.

'The novelty of needing police officers to look after her and her every need being looked at by probation officers has clearly not worn off yet.'

Carr provided an alibi for her lover on the night he murdered 10-year-old schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.

Huntley, 30, is serving a double life sentence.

Carr was freed last month after serving 21 months of her 3½ year sentence and is living at an address which cannot be revealed.

On her trip to the shops last weekend, she was accompanied by two plain-clothes police officers.

When lawyers sought the injunction, they said Carr had been advised by police to wear a protective flak jacket under her clothing.

She was judged to be in the same position as Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, who murdered two-year-old James Bulger and were later granted anonymity when a judge agreed their lives were at risk.

However, the seriousness of Carr's crime is very different as she played no part in the murder of Holly and Jessica in Soham, Cambridgeshire, two years ago.

This did not stop parallels being drawn between Carr and Mary Bell, the double child murderer whose identity and whereabouts have been kept secret to protect her own teenage daughter. The injunction stops the media from revealing Carr's new name, address or any details about her whereabouts, care or treatment.

It also prevents the publication of any new 'painting, drawing, photograph or film' of Carr or any place where she stays or visits.

Maxine Carr: Out of prison

Maxine's mother faces prison for threat to witness

Shirley Capp: Could be jailed

MAXINE Carr's mother is facing prison after being found guilty of intimidating a witness due to give evidence at her daughter's trial.

Shirley Capp was told by a judge yesterday that she had been convicted of a 'serious offence' and jail was a possibility.

She faces up to five years in prison when she returns to court next month to be sentenced.

Ironically, she could be locked up only weeks after her daughter's release from jail.

Capp, 61, of Grimsby, was convicted of threatening a neighbour that she would be killed if she gave evidence at the Old Bailey trial of Carr and Ian Huntley.

The threat left Marion Westerman, 36, so terrified that she was afraid to leave her home.

She had told police that she had seen Carr crying as she and Huntley

By **Ian Key**

stared into the boot of his car in Grimsby in August 2002 – just two days after Soham schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman disappeared.

Several months later Capp accused her neighbour of being responsible for 27-year-old Carr being held in custody before her Old Bailey trial.

Sheffield Crown Court heard that Capp confronted her in a shopping centre and told her to 'watch your back'.

Later Mrs Westerman went to Capp's home and was threatened that she would 'be dead' if she appeared as a witness.

She said she left the house shaking and in fear for her life after the threats and being accused of telling police that the girls' bodies were in the car boot.

Mrs Westerman told the jury she was terrified that Capp might even attack her in the house.

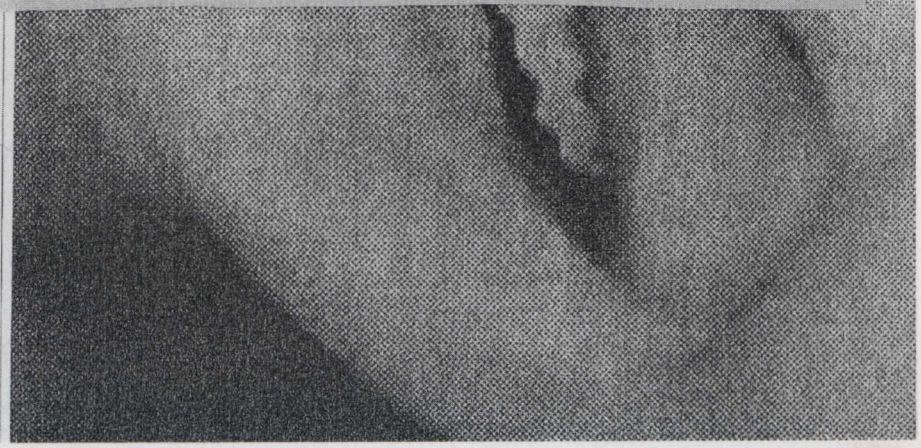
She said that afterwards she was afraid to go out or take her children to school because of what might happen.

Capp denied she ever made any threats to her former friend, claiming that the only thing she was angry about was Mrs Westerman's cat using her garden as a toilet and damaging plants.

After Capp was convicted of intimidating a witness with intent to pervert the course of justice, Judge John Reddihough gave her bail while probation reports are prepared.

But he told her: 'The fact that I am prepared to grant you bail does not indicate that you will not receive a custodial sentence.'

Last December Huntley was convicted of killing Holly and Jessica, both ten, and given two life sentences. Carr was found guilty of perverting the course of justice and sentenced to three-and-a-half years. She was freed last month.



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The Oklahoman photo by Steve Sisney

Purcell Police Chief David Tompkins attends an Easter service, half of which was devoted to remembering Jamie Bolin, 10.

Suspect in girl's death confessed, police say

PURCELL—The man accused of killing a 10-year-old neighbor girl joked about cannibalism on his online diary, discussed the effects of not taking his antidepression medication and mentioned "dangerously weird" fantasies.

All he wanted in life, Kevin Ray Underwood wrote in his blog, was "to be able to live like a normal person."

Underwood

"This is something that I don't know where it came from," Connie Underwood said of her son through tears in a telephone interview. "I would like to be able to tell her family how sorry we are. I just feel so terrible."

Underwood, a 26-year-old grocery store stocker in this small community 40 miles south of Oklahoma City, was arrested Friday. Investigators searched his apartment after he aroused their suspicions at a checkpoint. According to a police affidavit, he confessed that he killed Jamie Rose Bolin.

Bolin family photo

Jamie Bolin's body was found Friday at a neighbor's house.

Authorities believe Kevin Underwood killed the girl Wednesday, when she disappeared after going to a library, by beating and smothering her.

THURSDAY 1/12/6 Tribune

Girl found safe after carjacking

By Tonya Maxwell
Tribune staff reporter

Jade Addison, 4, was standing alone in an unlikely place in Harvey after being kidnapped in a car theft Wednesday morning when a good Samaritan stopped to help.

"I asked her where her mommy works," said Erita Brown, who picked up the youngster after spotting her in an industrial area. "She said her mommy works with the circus."

For the record, the girl's mother, Diana Maras, 35, of South Chicago Heights, does not work for the circus. She was on her way to her daughter's day care, then to her office, at about 7 a.m. when she stopped for gas at a Shell station in Homewood. Jade waited in the back seat of the 2005 beige Ford Explorer.

Maras paid at the pump and had just hung up the nozzle when her SUV slid forward.

"I turned to put the gas cap back on when the car moved without me," she said, and for a confused moment she wondered if she had left the vehicle in gear. Then, she frantically realized a man was behind the wheel.

"He took my baby. I just ran into the gas station and told the clerk to call the police."

The thief apparently noticed too late that he had the 4-year-old, Homewood police said.

"He probably didn't realize the child was in the car, and he probably turned into the closest area where he could drop her off," said Deputy Chief Jim Gannon. That area was near 171st Street and Lathrop Avenue in Harvey.

Brown was taking her own children to school when she saw Jade standing on an embankment leading up to train tracks.

Brown pulled up to the child and asked her to get in the car. It was about 10 minutes after Maras' vehicle was stolen. Jade was chilly and confused, but she was not crying, Brown said.

Mother and daughter were reunited within the hour, and officers later found the SUV not far away.

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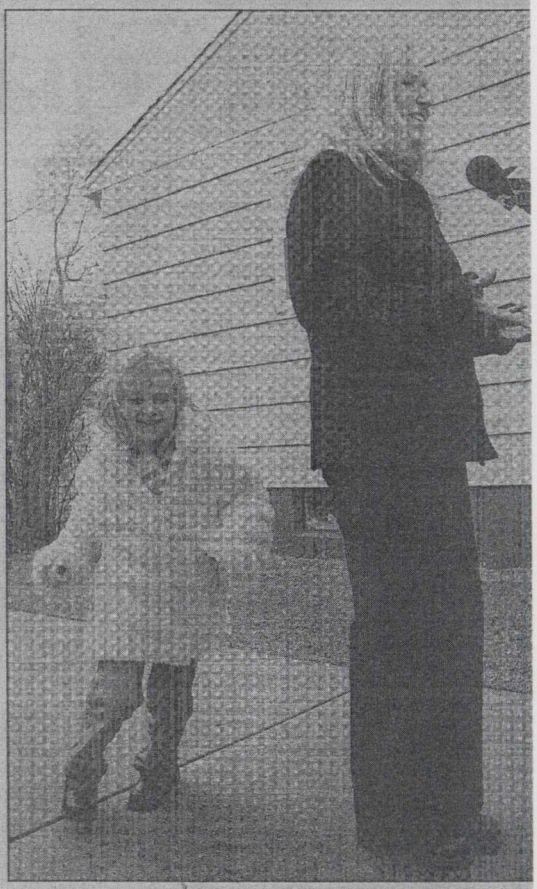

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Diana Maras tells how her SUV was taken from a gas sta
Wednesday with her daughter, Jade Addison, 4, inside.

Daily Mail, Thursday, May 18, 2006

Actor faces court over child porn

BAFTA-winning comedy actor Chris Langham appeared in court yesterday charged with a string of child pornography offences.

The twice-married father of five faced 15 counts of making indecent images of children.

Langham, 57, the star of the BBC political satire The Thick Of It, was charged last Wednesday, only a few days after receiving a Bafta award.

As part of an investigation linked to Operation Ore – the police's nationwide inquiry into Internet child pornography – officers seized computers from his home, a converted barn in Cranbrook, Kent, last November.

Yesterday his case was adjourned following a five-minute hearing at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court.

Standing with his hands clasped behind him, the actor spoke only to confirm his details and indicate he understood the charges.

He was released on unconditional bail to appear again on June 28. Afterwards he did not make any comment and was driven away.

It should have been the high point of the actor's career when he won a Bafta on May 7 for his performance as world-weary MP Hugh Abbot in BBC Four's The Thick Of It.

By **Rebecca Camber**

Langham also collected an award for the BBC2 comedy Help, which was named best comedy. In Help he plays psychiatrist Peter, opposite Paul Whitehouse, who co-wrote the series with him.

Langham says he is 'devastated' by the allegations against him. He said last week: 'I am anxious to clear my name and although there is a great deal I would like to say, I am unable to do so as a result of the legal proceedings.'

If convicted of the offences, he could face up to five years in jail and is almost certain to be placed on the Sex Offenders' List.

He has two children aged eight and ten by his second wife Christine Cartwright, and three grown-up sons from his marriage to actress Sue Jones-Davies.

His other TV credits include Not the Nine O'Clock News, Murder Most Horrid, Smith and Jones and The Comic Strip Presents.

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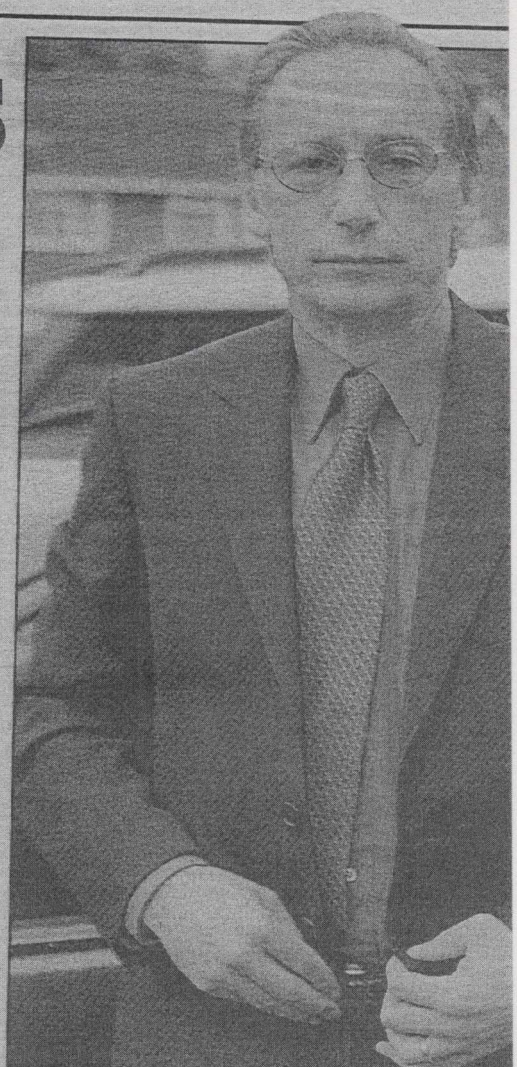

Charges: Chris Langham arriving at court yester

Ex-teacher sentenced for abuse of pupils

Man gets 20 years in Berwyn cases

By Art Barnum and Tonya Maxwell
Tribune staff reporters

A former Berwyn band teacher, who admitted Thursday that he acted out his sexual fantasies by tying up and inappropriately touching young girls in his classrooms, was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Robert Sperlik Jr., of North Riverside, who had steadfastly proclaimed his innocence from behind bars, pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated kidnapping, unlawful restraint, aggravated criminal sexual abuse and indecent solicitation under a deal with prosecutors, said a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Sperlik, 46 and single, was sentenced by Cook County Judge Thomas Tucker of the Maywood branch of Circuit Court. Sperlik had been held in Cook County Jail since his arrest in January 2005.

An 18-year instructor for South Berwyn Elementary School District 100, Sperlik faced more than 100 criminal counts accusing him of abusing girls between 1998 and 2003. The abuse took place inside Pershing, Irving, Emerson, Piper, Komensky and Hiawatha Schools.

The case also led to the unusual action of charging a school principal with failure to report the abuse.

Thomas Melody, an attorney for South Berwyn Elementary School District 100, declined to comment on the sentence or Sperlik's case.

Sperlik is the subject of at least five civil lawsuits in U.S. District Court in Chicago. The suits also accuse the District 100 administration of failing to act when abuse was alleged.

At a news conference Thursday, attorneys Jon Loevy and Mark Loevy-Reyes, who represent seven plaintiffs in one suit, said the district is partly to blame for what happened.

Tribune file photo by Antonio Perez

Robert Sperlik, who taught band in several Berwyn schools, is escorted by a Berwyn police officer in 2005.

The parents of a Berwyn girl who said she was abused by Sperlik when she was 10 in 1999 also appeared at the news conference but are not being quoted because of the Tribune's policy not to identify underage victims of sexual abuse with their names or those of their parents.

Sperlik "was the one who committed the misconduct, but the fact is he was allowed to continue his pattern of abusing students for years with nobody in the school district doing anything about it," Loevy said.

He contends parents and children told school authorities of the abuse, but no corrective action was taken against Sperlik.

"We know of at least three complaints that went to school officials about misconduct by Mr. Sperlik. Each time it was swept under the rug. "He was allowed to continue working with children," Loevy said, until parents went to police and made a report.

Authorities said Sperlik bound girls to chairs, gagged them and touched them inappropriately. All were between 9 and 14 years old at the time of the incidents.

Pershing School Principal Karen Grindle was charged criminally with failing to report allegations of child abuse but was acquitted in November. The civil lawsuits blame her and the District 100 administration for ignoring Sperlik's abuse.

Grindle was accused of not calling police or child welfare officials in 2001 after receiving a letter from two pupils who said Sperlik had touched their thighs and felt the backs of their bras through their shirts.

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Band teacher gets 20 years for sex abuse

Pleaded guilty to tying up pupils for pleasure

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In early 2002, Berwyn band teacher Robert Sperlik took two elementary school students into a storage room. He duct-taped one of them and stuffed a dirty rag in her mouth, Cook County prosecutors said in a Maywood courtroom Thursday.

And when the girl began to gag, Sperlik told her to breathe through her nose. For Sperlik, that spectacle — and others like it — were a turn-on, prosecutors said.

The girl's mother heard those graphic details for the first time Thursday, as Sperlik pleaded guilty in a Maywood courtroom to multiple counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, aggravated kidnapping, unlawful restraint and indecent solicitation. As part of the plea agreement, Judge Thomas Tucker sentenced Sperlik to 20 years in prison.

'Sick and twisted'

"I actually have sympathy for him," said the 38-year-old Berwyn mother whose daughter was gagged and tied up by Sperlik. "I don't know how someone can get so sick and twisted."

Sperlik offered no explanation for behavior that prosecutors say involved 11 victims between 1998 and 2003 in several elementary schools where Sperlik taught band and music. After his arrest in early 2005, Sperlik told investigators he tied up his students for "his own sexual stimulation," prosecutors said. Sperlik said it was a compulsion that began when he was a high school student.

Robert Sperlik
Touched kids

In court, prosecutors mostly described situations in which Sperlik either duct-taped students or had another student duct-tape a classmate. Sometimes, Sperlik touched the student's thighs, but other times he simply enjoyed watching the student being tied up. Sperlik told one student he would reward her with candy, prosecutors said. He then told the girl to keep quiet because "no one else would understand."

As prosecutors read aloud the details of their cases, about a dozen family members of the victims seated in the gallery listened intently. Some cried, some closed their eyes.

Throughout the hearing, Sperlik stood arrow-straight, expressionless, his eyes looking straight ahead.

"I wish you luck," Judge Tucker told Sperlik, as the defendant, without glancing back to look at his relatives in the gallery, was taken away.

Outside the courtroom, the Berwyn mother said what Sperlik did to her daughter was "horrible."

The woman said her daughter is 17 years old now and home-schooled. The teenager won't talk with her mother about what happened in 2002.

"She has put it in the back of her head and locked it away," said the mother, her eyes tearing.

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Nation

Feds: Chat site showed live molestation

27 arrested in USA, 3 other countries; baby allegedly abused

By Wendy Koch
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Children, including a baby, were sexually molested while others in a private Internet chat room watched, U.S. and Canadian law enforcement officers said Wednesday in announcing the bust of an international child pornography ring.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales called the trading of graphic images and transmitting of live sexual molestation the "worst imaginable form of child pornography."

Twenty-seven people from nine U.S. states and Canada, Australia and Britain have been charged with possession, receipt, distribution and manufacture of child pornography.

Thirteen have been indicted in the USA and 14 abroad. All have been arrested except one, who is now considered a fugitive.

Gonzales said seven children were victims. Among them, according to an indictment, is an infant allegedly molested in April by Brian Annoreno, a suburban Chicago man who went by the nickname "Acidburn" and transmitted images live via the Internet.

· By M. Spencer Green, AP

In Chicago: Tony Warr of the Toronto police, center, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, right, and Homeland Security official Julie Myers announce the charges.

His alleged co-conspirator, who logged on from Alberta, Canada, with the screen name "Big_Daddy619," is charged with transmitting live his own sexual molestation of four children younger than 12. Two others of the 27 charged also allegedly molested kids and made the images available in the chat room called "Kiddiepics & Kiddyvids" since April 2005.

"Molestation 'on demand' and an ever-younger and more defenseless group of child victims are two of the most disturbing trends," investigators now find in child pornography rings, said Julie Myers, assistant secretary of Homeland Security. "This case had both."

Myers said investigators are also seeing more "home-grown" porn involving "new victims."

Previously, she says, 85% of child pornography involved "known victims," with the same images being shown repeatedly.

"This (bust) is a very significant event. The multinational approach was really important," said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

He congratulated authorities but said the only way to shut down commercial child pornography is to eliminate its profitability. He said such pornography has become a multibillion-dollar enterprise and is among the fastest growing businesses on the Internet.

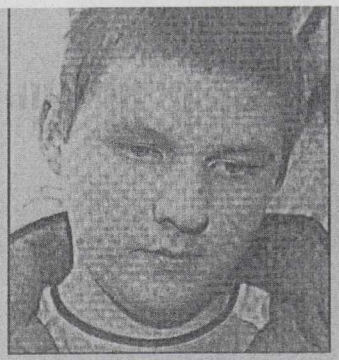
Allen said it's difficult to assess how many child pornography websites exist.

Eighteen prominent banks, credit card companies and Internet service providers joined Allen on Wednesday in launching the new Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography. Among them: American Express, Chase, Citigroup, MasterCard, Visa, Bank of America, Microsoft, PayPal and Yahoo.

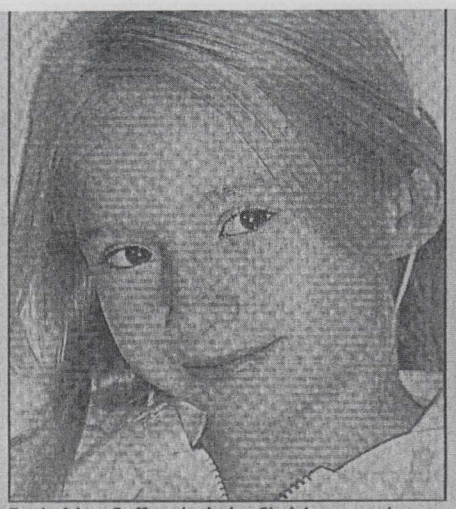
"If people were purchasing heroin or cocaine and using their credit cards, we would be outraged and do something about it. This is worse, " said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate's banking committee and a founding organizer of the coalition.

The coalition aims to end commercial child pornography by 2008. It will work with the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the European Federation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children and other groups to disrupt the online purchasing of child pornography.

This girl has been denied a memorial of roses - because it might upset her murderer's family



Paul Smith: Jailed for life



Rosie May: Suffocated at a Christmas party

By **Sinead McIntyre**

THE parents of a murdered schoolgirl have been refused permission to erect an ornate bench in her memory because of fears it will upset her killer's family.

Mary and Graham Storrie yesterday spoke of their fury after their parish council rejected designs for a tribute to daughter Rosie May.

The ten-year-old, who dreamed of being a ballerina, was murdered at a Christmas party by Paul Smith, an 18-year-old friend of the family.

His grandparents, Norman and Margaret, live close to Mr and Mrs Storrie in the village of Bottesford in Leicestershire.

Rosie May's friends designed a green metal bench entwined with ten rosebuds and featuring a heart with her initials, but it has been repeatedly rejected by councillors.

'They are being callous'

One said yesterday that they did not want something which would 'throw it in the face' of Smith's relatives.

The council is insisting that Mr and Mrs Storrie opt for a 'low-key' plain wooden design more in keeping with the other benches in the village.

Mr Storrie, 47, said: 'I am sick to the back teeth of it. We are constantly coming up against it with the council and it's because the murderer's family live in the village. They are being quite callous and it is insulting to the memory of my daughter.

'They seem more concerned with the feelings of the killer's family than ours.' His 44-year-old wife added: 'This is not about the fact that Rosie May was killed and who killed her. This is about having something in her memory, something for the children of the village to remember her by.'

Mr and Mrs Storrie had been friends with Smith's parents, Nigel and Susan, for more than ten years.

Both couples and their children were attending a Christmas party at Smith's uncle's house when the teenager, who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome – a form of autism – suffocated Rosie May.

She was found face down on a bed with the catsuit she had been wearing pulled down.

Smith was jailed for life at Nottingham Crown Court in October 2004.

Mr and Mrs Storrie set up the Rosie May Memorial Fund and asked villagers for ideas for a permanent memorial.

At first they planned to erect a bandstand close to the River Devon where their daughter loved to play.

But this was rejected by the council, which instead proposed they erect a memorial bench.

Parish councillor Ian Kitchener said: 'As a council we represent the whole village and we need to take everyone's thoughts and feelings into account.

'We don't want to put something up which is going to throw it in the face of the family of the perpetrator.'

Council chairman David Wright added: 'A lot of parish council members have lived in the village for a long time and know both families so we have to consider everyone's feelings.'

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Known sex fiend raped girl of nine

A MAN on the sex offenders' register raped a nine-year-old girl, a court heard yesterday.

Kevin Hazelwood, 40, was put on the list after being caught downloading child pornography.

But he was then able to befriend mothers as a way of getting access to their young children, Lewes Crown Court heard yesterday.

Hazelwood admitted six counts of rape, two counts of attempted rape and two counts of indecent assault, all involving the nine-year-old victim from Brighton, Hazelwood's home town.

Hazelwood, who admitted further charges of sexual activity involving a minor, is due to be sentenced on April 20. He will also face justice for possessing indecent movies of children and for indecent assaults on a girl in the early 1980s.

The Brighton and Hove Local Children's Safeguarding Board will review the case.

But Detective Superintendent Russ Whitfield, of Sussex Police, said it was not possible to 'eliminate' the risk of known sex offenders.

Mr Whitfield said supervising an offender as 'deceitful' as Hazelwood was 'very difficult'.

'He developed relationships with adults, which he did not disclose, and used these relationships to target children,' he added.

A spokesman for children's charity the NSPCC said only the most dangerous sex offenders were fully supervised in the community. She said the 'multi-agency public protection arrangements', introduced in April, should have resources to monitor medium-risk offenders more closely.

Phillip Noyes of the NSPCC said: 'By acting early we can prevent an offender committing yet more heinous crimes of abuse.'

Paedophile holds girl for 36 days

POLICE in Germany have freed a 13-year-old girl from the clutches of a paedophile who held her captive in his apartment for 36 days.

They moved in after she managed to throw an SOS message out of a window.

The girl, identified only as Stephanie, was imprisoned just 900 yards from her home in Dresden. She vanished on January 11 and police assumed she had been murdered or had run away.

A passer-by picked up her note – 'I need help – please call the police. Laubestrasse 2' – and gave it to officers who stormed Mario Mettner's flat on Wednesday. It took them half an hour to breach the extra locks he had placed on the steel-reinforced door. Mettner, 35, is a convicted sex offender with a history of assaults on young girls.

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SOUTH SIDE

Girl is sexually assaulted while waiting at bus stop

A 14-year-old girl was sexually assaulted Tuesday morning at a bus stop on Chicago's South Side. Police were searching for the attacker Wednesday evening.

The man approached the girl from behind about 8 a.m. in the 9100 block of South Halsted Street, groped her and lifted her off the ground, only dropping her after she began screaming, police said in a community alert.

The man ran from the scene.

He is described as a light-skinned black male, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and 300 pounds. He is balding and was last seen wearing a blue cloth jacket with yellow or gold sleeves and blue jeans. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 312-747-8272.

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Rapist 'had struck before'

Chilling profile emerges of man who attacked girl in Sainsbury's

By **Andy Dolan**

THE rapist who attacked an 11-year-old girl in a supermarket toilet has struck before, police said last night.

Officers said their 'professional instinct' and the attacker's 'brazen' actions suggested he had committed other sex crimes.

A chilling picture is beginning to emerge of an attacker who kissed his victim and stroked her hair during the attack – while at the same time threatening to kill her.

The hooded man, thought to be aged between 16 and 20, struck at Sainsbury's in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, on Thursday evening.

His victim, who had been shopping with her mother, saw him loitering outside the lavatories where he gave her a 'filthy look'.

He followed her inside, forced her into a cubicle and raped her in a ten-minute ordeal.

Detective Chief Inspector Adrian Pearson, who is leading the police investigation, said: 'The attack was so callous and so brutal but he still managed to kiss her and stroke her hair.

'He has been doing that while still threatening her not to tell anyone or he would come back and hurt her. That's what makes him all the more dangerous – he had a small timeframe but he has still managed to act like this.

'He has acted so quickly and calmly but so aggressively.

'It's extremely unlikely this is the first time he has done something in terms of an indecent act in a public place.'

He said Warwickshire Police were exploring the 'forensic opportunities' left by the attacker. Experts from the National Crime Faculty will today start to pull together a profile of the man they are looking for.

Checks with police forces nationally have turned up no similar unsolved cases and Mr Pearson said he believed the man had not carried out an offence 'of this gravity' before.

But he said it was likely he had committed minor sex attacks 'building up' to the rape.

Mr Pearson added: 'Either this man has been lying in wait for an opportunity, in which case he has been very composed.

'Or, he has been so struck by this girl he has felt compelled to act as he did. Both [scenarios] are equally disturbing.' The girl was attending a privately-run after-school tuition centre inside the store while her mother shopped.

Her mother then met her to finish off the shopping.

Before going to the toilet, the girl borrowed her mother's phone to call a schoolfriend.

When she emerged from the toilets, she called her friend back and said: 'Something has happened, can I ring you later?'

She then told her mother of the attack and the alarm was raised.

On Monday, the mother, who is a 44-year-old divorced hospital worker, said her once 'bubbly and outgoing' daughter had been 'scarred for life' by the attack.

Mr Pearson said her 'emotional' appeal for information had led to a deluge of calls naming possible suspects.

Members of the public, probation workers, prison service staff and even a locked-up sex offender rang in with tip-offs.

Mr Pearson said officers had not yet found a chief suspect.

The attacker was wearing a black anorak with a red front and silver stripes. He had severe acne and smelt of tobacco.

Police have put up wanted posters at the store and in local shops. Officers are still studying footage from security cameras outside the store.

The attacker was not captured on the store's own CCTV system.

The girl's mother said the youngster, who returned to school on Monday, now feared going into any room on her own.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said the firm was offering a £5,000 reward for information leading to the attacker's arrest and conviction.

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AS BOY OF 15 IS HELD, POLICE TELL OF THREE MORE SEX ATTACKS

Has the Sainsbury's rapist struck again?

By **Andy Dolan**

A BOY of 15 arrested over the rape of a schoolgirl in a supermarket lavatory was last night being questioned over a string of further sex attacks nearby.

The 11-year-old girl was attacked by a hooded youth as her mother shopped yards away at a Sainsbury's store in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Detectives announced yesterday that the boy had been arrested at a house in the town on Wednesday evening – almost four weeks after the assault.

They were investigating the possibility that he was responsible for three indecent assaults in the same area of Leamington as the store, which is in the Shires Retail Park.

Two happened after the March 2 rape – suggesting the perpetrator was becoming increasingly brazen.

At least one of the assaults involved a woman being groped on the bottom.

Since the Sainsbury's attack, officers had been searching for a distinctive black anorak which was red on the front with distinctive silver vertical stripes, said to have been worn by the rapist.

When the youth was arrested, a number of items of clothing were removed from his house for forensic examination.

Scene of the attack: The youth followed his victim into the lavatory

An appeal for information about the attack by the girl's devastated mother, a 44-year-old hospital worker, generated a list of 150 potential suspects which officers had been working through.

But it is not believed the youth under arrest was on the list. A spokesman said the arrest was the result of 'general policing inquiries.'

The arrest came as Paul Roffey – the director of the UK-based RWA sex crime consultancy brought in to advise the police – said the culprit was likely to strike again.

He said the offender would have problems with compulsive behaviour and described him as a loner who thrives on attention.

The rapist struck after the girl had spent an hour at an after-school tuition centre before being collected by her mother.

As the pair finished off their shopping the girl wandered away to use the lavatory. The youth followed, forcing her inside a cubicle before raping her in a ten-minute ordeal.

She said the attacker was a youth aged between 16-20, who smelt of tobacco and had severe acne.

Appealing for information a few days after the attack, the mother told a press conference how her once 'bubbly and outgoing' daughter had been 'scarred for life' by the attack. 'How anybody can do that to a defenceless 11-year-old girl is beyond me,' she said.

Detective Chief Inspector Adrian Pearson, who is in charge of the investigation, said at the time that officers were exploring 'forensic opportunities' left by the attacker.

Sainsbury's put up a £5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and capture of the rapist. A further £25,000 reward was put up by media organisations.

A Warwickshire Police spokesman confirmed three indecent assaults were being investigated but refused to link the attacks directly to the supermarket rapist.

He said: 'With incidents such as this we would always look to see if there are any possible links with other similar crimes.'

James Bulger's killer fathers a child of his own

ONE of the killers of two-year-old James Bulger has become a father, it was reported yesterday.

Robert Thompson's girlfriend gave birth to the child within the last 12 months.

But it is understood that the baby's mother has separated from him after a series of rows.

Thompson, now 23, has been living under a secret new identity since his release from jail nearly five years ago and his girlfriend is unaware of his involvement in James's murder.

The news that Thompson has a child of his own has angered James's family.

Last night, James's mother Denise Fergus accused Thompson of still being a risk to children.

In February 1993, Thompson and his friend Jon Venables, then both just ten, abducted James from a crowded shopping centre and took him across Liverpool to a railway line where they tortured and battered him to death.

Later that year, Thompson and Venables were ordered to be locked up indefinitely, but in 2001 both were released with new identities after eight years in detention.

By **James Tozer**

Ever since, the public has been allowed to know little about their new lives because of a High Court injunction that protects their identities.

However, the pair – who are said to have been forced to move repeatedly to stop their identities being discovered – are prevented from returning to Merseyside.

Thompson is believed to be living elsewhere in the North of England and working in an office after overcoming the heroin use to which he reportedly resorted to erase the memories of his childhood.

In 2004, James's mother claimed to have tracked him down after a tip-off, but she did not confront him.

Thompson and his girlfriend are said not to have planned the pregnancy. Initially they intended to raise the child together, but then they parted. However, he is said to make regular visits to see his child – whose name and gender cannot be revealed for legal reasons – and to have pledged to provide for the baby.

Psychologists said that as the son of an alcoholic mother, Thompson would face huge challenges in becoming a good parent.

The Sunday Mirror quoted a source close to the case as saying: 'The child is angelic – a real beauty.

'Thompson is thrilled to have become a father and is determined to be a good dad.

'But it is a bit chilling to think of him becoming a father after what he did. He must still be considered a risk to children, despite showing remorse for killing little James.

'Social services have been keeping a close eye on things. The trouble is that they have their hands tied by the law.

'Nobody is allowed to do anything to reveal Thompson's new identity, so no one can tell the former girlfriend the truth about the father of her child.'

Last night, Mrs Fergus also accused Thompson of still being a risk to children. She added that his girlfriend should be informed of his true identity.

'It is a recipe for disaster and makes my blood run cold to think about it,' she said.

'The probation service should have a rule that they can step in and reveal who he really is. If Thompson is not prepared to do it himself then this poor girl needs to know what kind of person he is.

'I am horrified to think that some completely innocent girl has had a baby with a killer and does not know the truth about him.'

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As a child: Robert Thompson, aged ten, shortly after the murder

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Prosecutor: Mom of raped teen took $10,000 hush money

BY JOE HOSEY

A Wilmington woman took $10,000 to cover up the crime of a man who repeatedly raped her disabled teenage daughter for months, Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow said Thursday.

"I've been doing this for 28 years, and I've never come across a case with allegations of this nature," Glasgow said after announcing the charges against Kimberly Riordan.

Riordan, 32, reportedly retained a twice-convicted sex offender to baby-sit her quadriplegic daughter, who suffers from cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair.

The suspect, Larry Lee Southwood, 68, of Wilmington Township, raped the 14-year-old for the nine months leading up to his arrest Christmas Day, police said.

Southwood paid Riordan $10,000 to keep her from ratting him out to the cops, and she went along with the deal, lying to Detective Sgt. David Margliano, Glasgow said.

Riordan claimed she had no idea Southwood raped her daughter. She was charged with three felonies in the incident — criminal neglect of a disabled person, obstructing justice and concealing a fugitive.

Mother's bond set at $250,000

Riordan has a son and another daughter, Glasgow said, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services took custody of all three children Wednesday night. Riordan surrendered Thursday evening and was held in lieu of $250,000 bond.

Riordan and Southwood met at an area truck stop, a source said, and struck up a relationship that led to him baby-sitting the teen.

Southwood's criminal past includes convictions for rape, attempted murder and sexual relations within families.

Both Riordan and Southwood were indicted Wednesday.

Southwood saw two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse tacked onto the three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault he has faced since his Christmas Day arrest. Southwood is looking at up to 97 years in prison.

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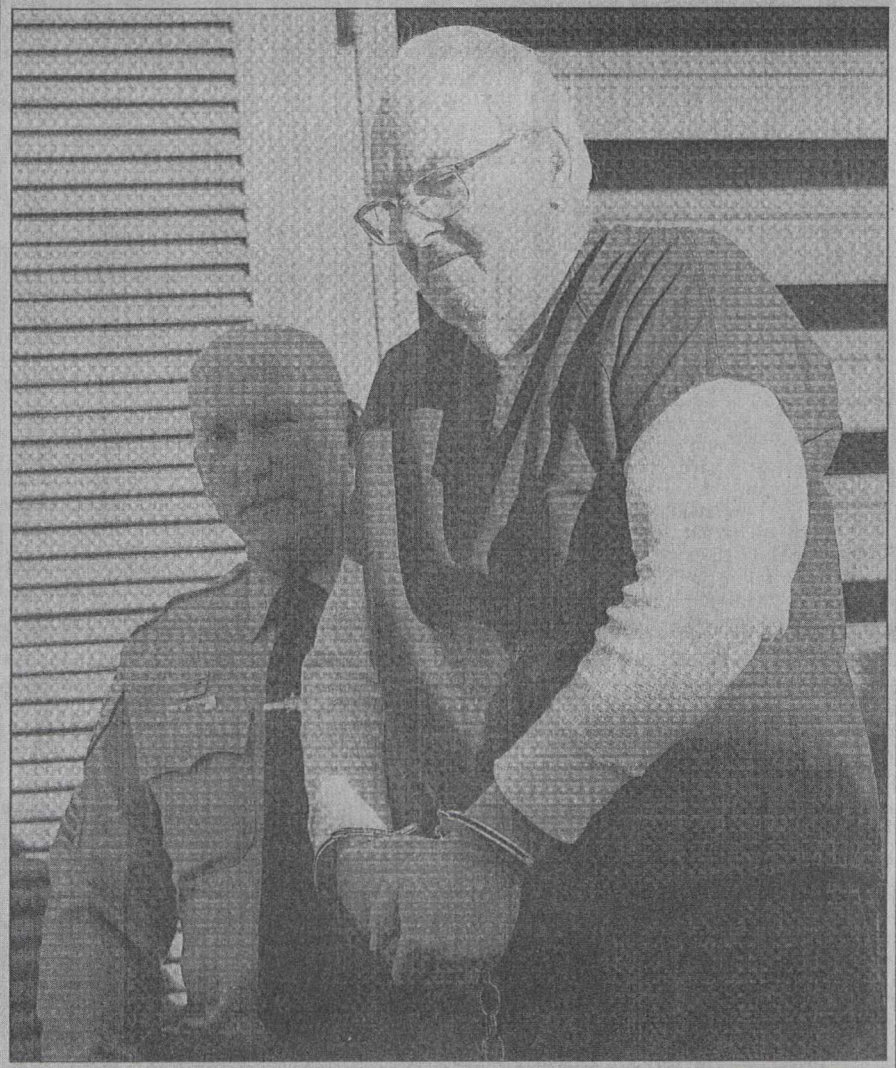

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Lawrence Lee Southwood is escorted Thursday from the Will County Courthouse, where he pleaded not guilty to charges of abusing a 14-year-old disabled girl.

Mom accused of taking cash to hide sex abuse

By Hal Dardick
Tribune staff reporter

The mother of a disabled 14-year-old girl accepted $10,000 to not turn in a man who repeatedly molested her daughter, Will County State's Atty. James Glasgow alleged Thursday.

Glasgow's office charged the mother, a 32-year-old Wilmington woman, with criminal neglect of a disabled person, obstruction of justice and concealing a fugitive. She later turned herself in at the Will County Jail, where she was being held in lieu of $250,000 bail.

The mother accepted the money from Lawrence Lee Southwood, 68, of Wilmington Township, Glasgow said. Southwood was arrested Dec. 25 and charged with molesting the girl, who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, the prosecutor said.

The mother failed to remove her daughter from Southwood's care after learning he was a convicted sex offender, accepted $10,000 in cash from him to not report the assaults to police and falsely told a police investigator she did not know about the abuse, Glasgow said. Police recovered the cash, he said.

"The combined allegations in both of these cases are beyond anything that I have ever encountered in my 28 years in the criminal justice system," he said.

The Tribune is not naming the mother—who if convicted faces a maximum of 17 years in prison—to protect the identities of her daughter and two other children. All have been placed in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Glasgow said.

Southwood, of the 30500 block of Readman Lane pleaded not guilty Thursday to three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Indictments returned Wednesday by a grand jury said the crimes occurred between Aug. 1 and Dec. 20.

If convicted, Southwood faces 21 to 97 years in prison.

After his court appearance, Southwood, who is 6-foot-7 and weighs 300 pounds, was taken back to jail, where he was being held in lieu of $2 million bail.

In a 1961 Peoria County case, Southwood was charged with rape, kidnapping and assault with intent to commit robbery. He pleaded guilty to rape and was sentenced to 9 years.

Two years after being released on parole in 1967, Southwood pleaded guilty to attempted murder in Fulton County and was sentenced to 15 to 16 years. He had approached a woman in a disabled vehicle, repeatedly stabbed her.

He was released in 1977, and 15 years later he was charged in Will County with having sexual relations with his daughter, with whom he had two children. He pleaded guilty and, over the objections of Glasgow, was sentenced to 30 months of probation and 400 hours of community service.

Southwood was not required to register as a sex offender, as he would be today, Glasgow said.

Glasgow said an informant brought the molestation to light.

Authorities have said Southwood is among more than 45 people whose DNA is being compared to that found on 3-year-old Riley Fox, who was discovered dead in a creek four miles from her Wilmington home in June 2004.

Her father, Kevin, who reported her missing the day her body was found, was jailed for nearly eight months until DNA tests showed no link to him.

The DNA from Riley is being compared with the DNA of family members, known sexual offenders from the area and people such as Southwood, who have been arrested in Will for sex crimes, authorities said. The girl Southwood is charged with assaulting lives down the block from Riley's grandmother.

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Killer takes organs to his grave

His family's wishes to donate them were never carried out

BY FRANK MAIN
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Eva Reyes got a call Thursday from a relative with news that her son — serial killer David Maust — had tried to hang himself in a northwest Indiana jail cell.

Maust, 51, was brain dead but his heart was beating, Reyes was told.

"I said I would agree that someone could use his organs," she said. "If someone's life could be saved, maybe it would make up for some of what David did. . . . But I wondered, 'Who would want David's heart?' "

Her question will never be put to the test. No organs were donated.

Maust died of heart failure at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Ind., at 7:24 a.m. Friday, said Lake County, Ind., coroner David Pastrick. He was still hooked up to life-support equipment when he died, Pastrick said.

The cause of death was asphyxia due to ligature suspension, and the manner of death was suicide, Pastrick said.

About 4 a.m. Thursday, after being told he was shipping out to the Indiana prison system to serve a life sentence for killing three teenagers in Hammond, Maust wrapped a braided bed sheet around his neck, tied it to a coat hook on the jail wall and leaned forward, authorities say.

David Maust
Killed himself

Pastrick said his office was contacted Thursday afternoon by the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donation Network, based in Elmhurst.

Pastrick said he told Gift of Hope that he would honor the family's wishes for donation of Maust's heart, pancreas, liver and lungs.

But for some reason — which Pastrick, the hospital and Gift of Hope would not discuss because of confidentiality restrictions — the organs were never removed from Maust's body.

No answers for mother

Eva Reyes said her son, Jeffrey Maust, informed her that David attempted suicide.

She claims she tried to reach the hospital Thursday but was unable to speak to anyone.

Eva Reyes would have been Maust's next of kin — a person to give consent for an organ donation. But Pastrick and other officials would not discuss who gave consent for a donation.

"I would have been happy to do that," Reyes said of approving an organ donation. "No, it wouldn't bring David back, but he is better off where he's at than out here killing people."

Joe Dejanovic, a spokesman for St. Anthony Medical Center, would say only that the hospital followed proper procedures in contacting Gift of Hope about a potential donor in Maust.

Kim McCullough, a spokeswoman for Gift of Hope, would not discuss Maust specifically. Generally, though, the group must determine if a potential donor is clinically or medically eligible, McCullough said.

"Often individuals who are incarcerated have a medical/social history that includes high-risk behaviors," she said. "A couple of the behaviors defined as high-risk would be someone who has been an IV drug user, or sexual behaviors that would open the door to disease transmission of HIV, for example."

Gift of Hope also must obtain consent to accept a donation and must have a matching person to accept the organs, McCullough said. The group handles about 300 organ donation cases a year.

Jeffrey Maust and Reyes, who is disabled, both live out of state and said they may not be able to come to Indiana to arrange for David Maust's funeral arrangements.

"I've been told he'll get a pauper's burial," Jeffrey Maust said. "I hope that doesn't happen."

Maust was sentenced last month in the 2003 Hammond killings of Michael Dennis, Nicholas James and James Raganyi. He also was convicted in the 1974 killing of a teenager in Germany when Maust was in the Army and in the 1981 killing of a Chicago teenager in Elgin.

'I did what I could'

Reyes said David Maust's death marks the end of 51 years of suffering her son caused her.

In his suicide note, Maust said he wished his mother drowned him as a baby "because she hated me all my life."

"I did what I could," Reyes said of raising David Maust in Chicago. "I couldn't keep up with David. He was always running away and hiding from me."

Reyes said her son blamed her for his being placed in a Chicago mental institution as a child. But she said the school system actually placed him there.

"I'd visit him there and he'd steal my purse and all my money," she said. "He treated me badly. I think he called that love."

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Child sex files reopen as murderer gets life

HUNDREDS of unsolved sex crimes and disappearances are to be re-examined by police after a farm labourer was jailed for life for a child's murder 33 years ago.

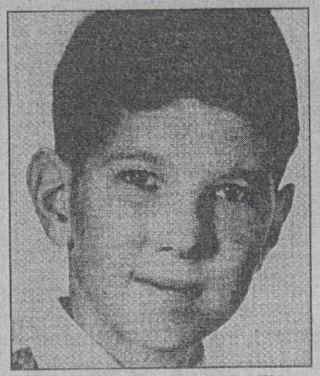
Among them are 25 other child killings. Justice eventually caught up with Brian Field, 65, when he was stopped for drink-driving.

DNA samples linked him to schoolboy Roy Tutill, 14, who was sexually assaulted, strangled and dumped in a wood in Surrey in 1968.

Field showed no emotion as he was jailed at the Old Bailey.

Among the unsolved crimes is the case of friends David Spencer and Patrick Warren who went out to play on Boxing Day five years ago and disappeared. Despite pleas from their families, 13-year-old David and 11-year-old Patrick never returned.

Police officers believed then



VICTIM: Teenager Roy Tutill

that they had run away but now detectives are expected to re-examine the case to see if it could be linked to killer Field. The youngsters were last seen playing in Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, West Midlands – a short distance from Field's home.

Heartbroken relatives were baffled why the boys should run away, discarding a new bicycle and other Christmas presents. Another inquiry under review is the death of 15-year-old Mark Billington, found hanged from a tree in a wooded area off the A45 in Meriden, near Solihull, in 1984.

The death was at first thought to be suicide but his parents always maintained he had been murdered. An inquest recorded an open verdict. His bicycle was never found.

Field's past finally caught up with him in 1999 when he left a pub in the Sheldon area of Birmingham and police noticed his car clip the kerb. A saliva swab taken during a breath test produced a DNA sample which was filed on the national database.

The murder of Roy Tutill, who vanished while hitch-hiking from Kingston Grammar school to his home in Brockham, Surrey, horrified Britain. After his body was found three days later, police interviewed 10,000 people. The case was never closed and officers on the original case were recalled to take part in a new probe last year.

It emerged that Field had been interviewed in prison in 1972, while serving time for another sex offence, but denied all knowledge of Roy.

Field, who admitted murder, was obsessed with having sex with children. His fantasy destroyed his two marriages in the 1960s. He has three grown-up children. They disowned him after discovering his past.

When he was arrested in Solihull, in February, he was working as a gardener, often visiting families with children.

FIEND: Killer Brian Field was caught using DNA

GUILTY: Brian Field

Fiend gets life 33 yrs after killing

By JUSTINE SMITH

A 65-YEAR-old man was jailed for life yesterday for murdering a schoolboy 33 years ago.

Brian Field admitting raping and killing 14-year-old Roy Tutill in 1968.

Now police across Britain are expected to examine hundreds of other cases of missing children and unsolved sex attacks on youngsters.

Field, who was trapped by a DNA test after being arrested for drink-driving, confessed to killing Roy with a rope and keeping the body

VICTIM: Roy

in the boot of his car before dumping it in Mickleham, Surrey.

Roy, from Brockham Green, near Dorking, was abducted as he hitch-hiked 15 miles home from Kingston Grammar School so he could put his bus fare towards a new bicycle.

After the murder, Field moved from Surrey and travelled around Britain as a farm machine repair man before settling in Solihull, West Midlands.

Cases to be reopened include the disappearances of David Spencer, 13, and Patrick Warren, 11, near Field's home in 1996 and the death of 15-year-old Mark Billington, who was found hanged from a tree.

FIVE HELD AFTER CHILD-SEX TRIAL MAN DIES IN FIRE

By PAUL SIMS

FIVE people, including two teenagers, were being questioned last night by detectives probing the murder of a pensioner cleared of a child-sex charge two months ago.

Former seaman Alfred Wilkins, 67, who was the victim of a hate campaign on the estate where he lived, died in an arson attack on his flat early on Friday.

Among those arrested were a 16-year-old girl and a man aged 18 after police set up a murder HQ in a caravan close to the death scene.

Since Mr Wilkins was found not guilty of indecently assaulting a nine-year-old girl he had faced a series of attacks and a barrage of abuse on the Yarborough estate, Grimsby, Humberside.

He suffered a gash on the head when he was assaulted in his home. His windows were smashed, graffiti daubed on the walls — including the word "Nonce" — and people in the street called him names.

Council officials had agreed to rehouse Mr Wilkins in a move to defuse the situation.

Earlier, police said there was evidence that the fire was started deliberately and the case was being treated as a possible revenge killing.

Friend Owen Lawson said: "Some people didn't like him but I take people as I find them. He was always sociable with me.

"He got that name Nonce and I'm afraid it stuck."

● PAULA Gallagher, 33, a mother of three, was found stabbed to death on the doorstep of her home in Skelmerdale, Lancs, early yesterday. Murder squad detectives later arrested a man.

Paedophile campaigner jailed over child snaps

By Hannah Hennessy

A PAEDOPHILE who has long campaigned for sex with children to be legalised, was jailed yesterday after 20 years of eluding police.

Thomas O'Carroll, 56, who was supported from the court's public gallery by other paedophiles, showed no reaction as he was jailed for nine months for three counts of importing indecent photographs of children into Britain.

Born in Ireland, O'Carroll, now of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, was co-founder of the Paedophile Information Exchange and had lobbied Parliament to lower the age of consent. He was jailed for two years in 1981 for conspiracy to corrupt public morals after the information exchange published its worldwide contacts list. Since his release, O'Carroll has continued to campaign for sex with children to be legalised.

He was caught last October when customs officers seized three albums containing 94 photos, 54 of which featured naked or scantily-clad children. He had smuggled them from Qatar, where he had spent seven years as a journalist for an English-language newspaper.

The photographs were taken on unidentified beaches while the children played — their parents oblivious to O'Carroll's lens. The albums were found at Heathrow among nine crates of O'Carroll's belongings which he sent to Britain before he left Qatar late last September.

Detectives said he was caught because of heightened security at British airports after the September 11 attacks in America, when customs teams scrutinised cargo coming from the Middle East for fear that al-Qaeda might try to smuggle weapons and explosives in the guise of personal belongings.

With his cropped grey hair and impeccable manners, O'Carroll liked to portray himself as a respectable academic. Even as he sat smirking in the dock of Southwark Crown Court while jurors thumbed through some of his pictures of naked children, he claimed that they were "artistic street photography".

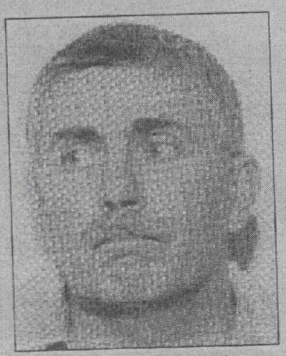
The former teacher, journalist and Open University press officer, who decided not to give evidence at the trial, was convicted by a jury last month of importing indecent images.

He shook his head, shrugged and then calmly sat taking notes in the dock as the verdicts were delivered.

He argued that there was nothing indecent about the photographs and said they were comparable to Tierney Gearon's pictures of her own naked children which caused controversy when they were exhibited at the Saatchi Gallery in London last year.

Passing sentence yesterday, Judge Geoffrey Rivlin QC told O'Carroll: "Seen in isolation, these photos would not be regarded as especially sinister. They do, however, become much more sinister when seen against your background of a long-standing and expressed interest, and, it might even be said, obsession, with paedophilia."

He said that a probation report had found O'Carroll to be at high risk of re-offending. "You do not really see anything wrong in what you did, indeed quite the reverse," he said.



Smirked in the dock: Thomas O'Carroll

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Child's corpse found in river

BY DENNIS RICE

A EUROPE-wide murder hunt has been launched after the headless body of a child was discovered in the River Thames.

The boy – aged between five and six – was spotted by a horrified passer-by and may have been in the water for up to 10 days.

The gruesome discovery exactly mirrored that of a young girl's torso which was found in a lake in Nulde, Holland, three weeks ago. Both victims were said to be non-European and of a similar age. Both also had their heads, arms and legs severed with a sharp-bladed instrument.

Police refused to reveal the outcome of a post mortem on the Afro-Caribbean youngster found in London, or if he had been the victim of a sexual assault.

Detectives are contacting their counterparts in Germany after the only item of clothing found on the body had washing instructions on the inside written in German. Interpol will also be involved in case there are any similarities between this boy and the girl found in the Netherlands.

worst child molesters to be tagged for life

CHILD molesters are to be given longer jail sentences and electronically tagged after their release, with the worst offenders having their movements monitored by the police for life.

Tougher requirements for paedophiles to register with local police will also be brought in under a package of measures being worked on by the Home Office. The move follows concern among experts that 300 people placed on the sex offenders' register have absconded. Loopholes also currently allow those on it to "disappear" on holiday for 14 days.

More paedophiles will get longer sentences or life terms under a government reform being developed in tandem with the tagging provisions, and sentencing guidelines are also to be strengthened.

These latest initiatives come in the wake of the killing of Sarah Payne, the eight-year old girl from Sussex, whose body was found last week.

Michael Prescott and Dipesh Gadher

Police last night carried out spot checks on thousands of motorists on the A29 near Pulborough, West Sussex, where Sarah's body was dumped on the weekend of July 1-2.

They are keen to find out if anyone saw any suspicious vehicles, particularly a white Transit-style van similar to the one described by Sarah's brother near the cornfield where she was last seen alive. House-to-house inquiries were also continuing in Crawley, near the parental home of a man held soon after her disappearance.

Proposals to be debated by MPs this autumn will extend tagging provisions for convicted paedophiles. Any released from jail early will be electronically tagged until the time their sentence should have expired. For example, an offender freed after four years of a five-year term will spend a full year being tagged. Those released early from a life sentence must wear a tag for good.

"This is intended to ensure that people who are a risk are not released," said a Home Office spokesman. "If they are, child sex offenders will be tagged as an additional safeguard."

❑ Paul Langmead, the owner of the field where Sarah was playing, has dropped a compensation claim of £10,000 for damage caused by police during the search for her. His action had been condemned by the Payne family and local people.

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A sorrow shared: *Five-year-old Tyler Betts, from Worthing, adds a further floral t to Sarah Payne at the place where the eight-year-old's body was found. West Sussex have opened a special car park for the crowds visiting the site* Picture: Andrew B

The uncle accused of killing Danielle

The accused: Stuart Campbell in a holiday snap, cleared for release yesterday by trial judge Mr Justice Stuart McKinnon. Inset: Danielle Jones

THIS is the man accused of murdering his niece, schoolgirl Danielle Jones.

The picture is the first to be released of 44-year-old builder Stuart Campbell who is said to have developed a sexual obsession for the 15-year-old.

Mr Justice Stuart McKinnon lifted a restriction on publishing the photograph yesterday.

It was taken while Campbell – who appears tanned and relaxed –

Daily Mail Reporter

is the only photograph of the defendant permitted to be used. The image even had to be approved by Campbell himself.

It could not be made public before yesterday because of potential problems with witnesses seeing the pictures before giving evidence relating to Campbell's appearance.

Campbell, of Grays, Essex, denies abducting and murdering

jury heard how a girl resembling Danielle was seen in tears in the passenger seat of a blue van in nearby Orsett, on the morning of her disappearance.

The 'upset' youngster, whom the prosecution claims was Danielle, was being driven by a man fitting the description of Campbell, the court heard.

Vivienne Cumper, who was walking her dog with husband Anthony, told the court: 'The girl was sat in the passenger seat.

further from the driver. She had tearful eyes. It looked like she was upset.'

Her husband also told the court how he was surprised to see the girl slumped in the van.

'She looked like they had been rowing and it was like when you see people who cannot get far enough away from someone,' he said.

He described the girl he saw as being aged '16 or 17', with blonde shoulder-length hair and wearing

had spotted in the van. He went on to describe how he and his wife contemplated contacting detectives before deciding to phone Crimestoppers, the anonymous police helpline.

The court has heard that Campbell was obsessed with schoolgirls and pretended to be a professional photographer to persuade teenagers he met in the street to pose for him.

In the six months before her disappearance, Campbell 'came on

Phone messages were not written by teenager, says QC

Uncle 'faked texts from Danielle as a cover-up'

By **Rebecca English**

THE uncle of murdered schoolgirl Danielle Jones sent two text messages to himself from her mobile phone in a bid to cover his tracks after he had abducted her, a court heard yesterday.

The first message, received by builder Stuart Campbell on the day his 15-year-old niece vanished, read:

'Hiya Stu. Wot you up to. I'm in so much trouble at home at moment. Evone hates me, even you. Wot the hell have I done. Y don't you just tell me. Text bck please. Dan xx.'

The following day, another message was received. It said:

'Hi Stu. Thanks for being so nice. You are the best uncle ever!! Tell mum I am so sorry. Luv u lots. Dan xxx.'

However, the messages would have been written differently had Danielle sent them, Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

A professor of linguistics had compared the two text messages against some the teenager sent before she disappeared. He concluded that there were definite differences in style, the jury heard. The word 'wot' was spelt in a manner which was

'She was not in trouble at home'

unusual for Danielle. It was also odd for her to say 'at moment' as she would normally say 'at the mo'.

The abbreviation of 'evone' for 'everyone' did not appear in any of Danielle's messages – normally she would say 'every1z'.

Similarly, the court heard, she would never use 'y' for 'why' nor would she ask a friend to 'text bck'. The text messages 44-year-old Campbell said were from Danielle were all sent in capitals, or upper case. Normally she used lower case.

Orlando Pownall, QC, prosecuting, told the jury that more than 200 calls were made to Danielle's mobile phone by concerned friends and relatives in the hours after she disappeared on June 18 last year.

Why, he asked, would the person who had kidnapped her want her to send two messages to her uncle – with whom she had been seen arguing only days before her disappearance – as opposed to any of her friends? 'In fact, Danielle was not in trouble at home at that time,' Mr Pownall added.

Expert evidence would be submitted to show that when the messages were sent from Danielle and received by Campbell, the phones were close to each other.

They were also near his home in Stifford Clays, Grays, Essex, the jury was told.

Campbell told police that on June 18 last year he got up at 7am and went to Wickes builders' merchants in nearby Rayleigh – and therefore would not have been in the area when Danielle disappeared.

But evidence from mobile phone transmitters would show that he was not in Rayleigh, Mr Pownall said. He was not picked up on closed-circuit television footage at the store.

A woman Campbell was working for recalled that, on that day, Campbell had a mobile phone with a cover made of a blue rubberised material.

It bore a smiley face and the words 'My Dad', Mr Pownall said. This appeared to indicate that Campbell had two phones on that day.

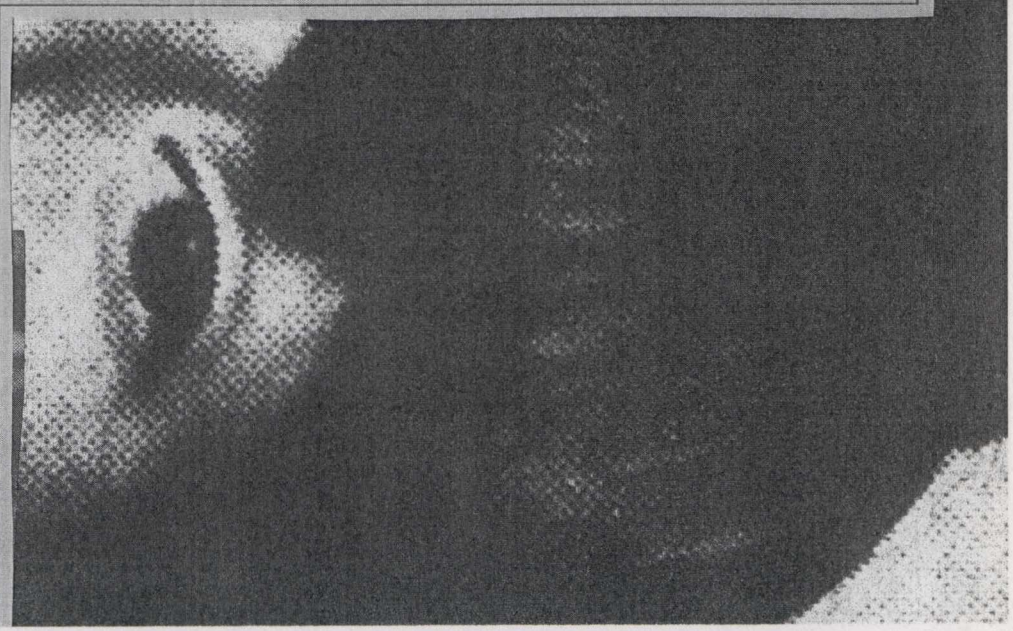
Jurors had to ask to whom the other phone belonged, he said.

Campbell denies abducting and murdering Danielle.

The prosecution alleges that he killed her after developing an 'irresistible sexual attraction'.

The trial continues.

Danielle: Worried friends made 200 calls to her phone



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Warning to anti-paedophile leader over her missing child

BY SARAH GETTY

THE leader of the anti-paedophile campaign in Portsmouth has been told by police to take better care of her own three-year-old child.

The warning came after the little boy was found wandering the streets naked and alone as his mother gave a TV interview.

Katrina Kessell was giving the interview on a green at the troubled Paulsgrove estate when her son Nassar was discovered three roads away. A couple who found the boy wrapped him in a fleece.

Half-an-hour later a distraught Ms Kessell, the spokeswoman in the paedophile protest, was reunited with her son at a police station. Last night she refused to comment but earlier told reporters: "I am a good mother. I know how to look after children."

Officers said a file on the case would go to social services, a move they described as "standard practice". WPC Kim Gosden, who was sent to to investigate, said mother-of-four Ms Kessell, 33, was with a TV crew when her son went missing.

She added: "He had gone under the side gate of the house. She knew it was a problem and had asked the council to fix it. She said there was someone with him."

The officer said: "We spoke to her about the risks of leaving the child in the back garden without adult supervision."

KESSEL: 'I know how to look after children'

OKLAHOMA

Bill would let judges order castration

OKLAHOMA CITY—The state Senate passed a bill that would make the state the first to let judges order surgical castration of rapists, sodomizers and child molesters.

The Senate voted 37-10 in favor of the measure after its author, Sen. Frank Shurden, argued that serious sex criminals have "a driving sex urge that makes them animals." The bill now goes to the House.

It would require a positive DNA test before castration could be ordered. A jury also would have to find two aggravating circumstances, including rape of a child under 14; sodomy on a child under 16; a crime that was especially "serious, atrocious or cruel"; a crime causing significant physical injury; or one committed upon one victim two or more times within 24 hours.

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Parents of murdered Sarah take law battle to Straw

By **Emily Compston**

THE parents of murdered schoolgirl Sarah Payne will meet Jack Straw tomorrow to push for legislation to allow parents access to the register of paedophiles.

The move is a major step in Mike and Sara Payne's campaign for the introduction of what they have called 'Sarah's Law' in memory of their eight-year-old daughter.

Yesterday, courtesy of The Mail on Sunday, they and their three children were at a holiday park on the South coast taking their first family break since the discovery of Sarah's body.

The youngster disappeared on July 1 from a country lane close to her grandparents' home at Kingston, West Sussex, minutes after leaving a beach where she had been playing with her brothers Lee, 14, Luke, 11, and six-year-old sister Charlotte.

Sixteen days later her naked body was found in a field 15 miles away near Pulborough.

Two weeks ago the family's home town of Hersham in Surrey came to a halt for Sarah's funeral.

Yesterday the Payne children momentarily forgot the horror that had changed their lives as they raced around the indoor adventure playground and showed off their skills in the roller skating rink.

But Mr Payne, 31, said it was never far from the surface. Watching Charlotte laughing as she swung upside down from a climbing frame, he said: 'I know she thinks about Sarah all the time, I hear her chatting to her Sindy dolls, saying "Sarah this and Sarah that".' He admitted, however, that it was a relief to act like a normal family, if only for a short time. 'It is just so nice to get away,' he said. 'We even went down to the club last night and had a few drinks.' But the strain is plain. At one point Charlotte disappeared around a corner and Mrs Payne, 31, dashed after her, her face twisted in worried concentration.

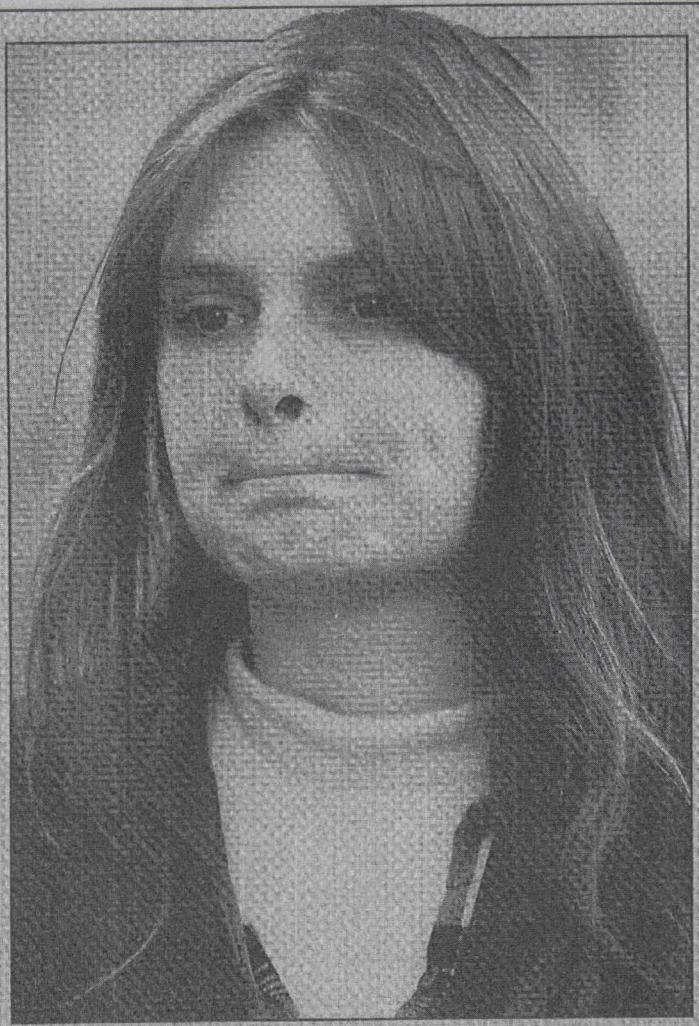
BREAK FROM HEARTBREAK: Mike and Sara Payne and their children yesterday. Left: Murdered Sarah

Later she explained why she will be asking Mr Straw to amend the Sex Offenders Act to let parents know exactly who their neighbours are – and to press for tougher sentences for paedophiles. On Tuesday they will also meet Home Office Minister Paul Boateng. 'The change in the law is what this country wants,' she said. 'The country has asked us to carry it forward and that's what we'll do. For Sarah.'

Sarah's grandfather, Terry, said: 'Every mother in the country has a right to protect her children.

'You should be able to look at a list and know if you have a paedophile living next door, to at least warn your children not to play there.' Meanwhile, detectives are said to be encouraged by the public response – more than 200 calls – to their appeal to help find a driver of a lorry with a giant tyre motif who may have seen Sarah's killer. They believe he may have driven behind the white van they think was used to abduct Sarah.

Police will take samples later this week from the rear seat of the Payne' car. They hope to find fibre particles from Sarah's missing dress they could use at a later date.



AGONY: Strain shows on Sara Payne's face as she arrives at court yesterday

SARAH RETRIAL

Legal hitch halts murder hearing after jury told of vital DNA clue

THE Sarah Payne murder trial collapsed yesterday.

By HARRY ARNOLD and IAN MILLER

The judge said there had been a "procedural irregularity".

A second trial will begin today with a new jury.

Prosecutor Timothy Langdale QC was outlining DNA evidence which he said would prove Roy Whiting, 42, kidnapped and murdered Sarah.

Suddenly he halted his opening speech and the court was cleared.

Nearly two hours later Mr Justice Curtis told the jury: "I'm sorry to say I have had a report there is a procedural irregularity.

"The result is I'm going to discharge you ... I regret it but there you are. It's one of those things." The hitch prolonged the agony for eight-year-old Sarah's parents Sara and Michael.

Sara, 32, was due to give evidence but will not do so until Monday.

Earlier Mr Langdale told Lewes Crown Court in East Sussex that DNA recovered from a sweatshirt in Whiting's van matched his.

Fibres from the shirt were found on the Velcro strap of Sarah's shoe. Sarah vanished in Kingston Gorse, West Sussex, last year. Her body was found 16 days later.

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Women tell trial they were lured to photo shoots as schoolgirls

'Our topless ordeal with Danielle uncle'

By **Rebecca English**

TWO women told a court yesterday how the man accused of killing Danielle Jones persuaded them to pose for topless photographs as teenagers.

Kelly Fuller and Jennifer Cairns were wearing school uniforms when they were approached by Stuart Campbell, Danielle's uncle, who said he took pictures of models.

Flattered by the builder's interest, the girls, both 16, agreed to meet at his house the next day for a 'photo shoot'.

Campbell, 44, took shots of them dressed as 'St Trinian-style schoolgirls' – in short skirts and ripped stockings – and asked them to 'wrestle'.

He also got both girls to pose on his bed dressed in adult underwear and then semi-naked, it was claimed.

Campbell, who is married to the sister of Danielle's father, Tony, is accused of abducting and murdering his 15-year-old niece after developing a sexual fixation for her.

Chelmsford Crown Court heard first yesterday from Miss Fuller, a policeman's daughter now aged 31. She and Miss Cairns were pupils at St Clere's School in Stanford le Hope – the same school attended by Danielle – when they met the defendant in East Tilbury, where they all lived.

Far left: Jennifer Cairns

Left: Danielle Jones

Right: Kelly Fuller

He asked them why they were not at school (they were doing exams) before explaining his interest in photography and inviting them to his home.

Miss Fuller was shown dozens of pictures, featuring herself and Miss Cairns, by the prosecution.

In them, the court was told, the girls were wearing white blouses, ties, short PE skirts covered with badges and ripped stockings. 'We were like St Trinian schoolgirls,' she said.

Miss Fuller told the court she went upstairs where she was photographed wearing her underwear, stockings and suspenders. Asked whether she was topless, she replied: 'Possibly.'

Miss Cairns, also 31, told the court she posed both in her uniform and underwear. Asked by prosecutor Brian Altman whether any naked or semi-naked photographs were taken, she replied: 'Yes.'

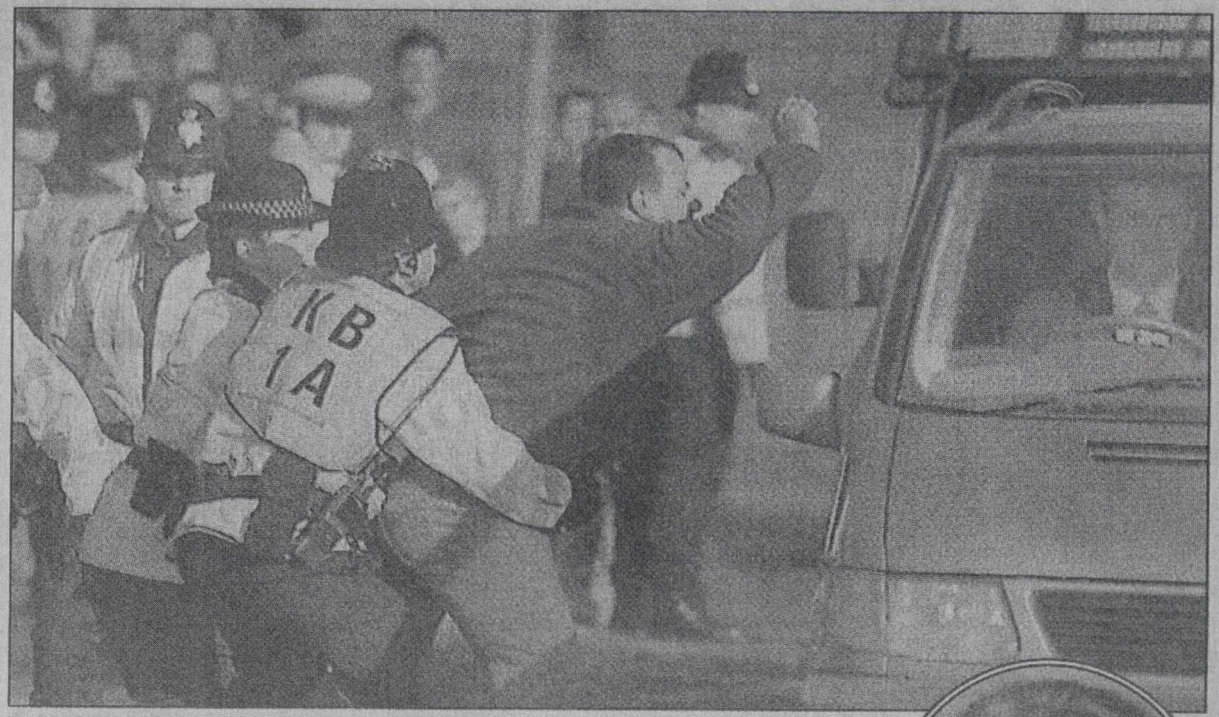
A few weeks later Miss Cairns became concerned that she had not seen the pictures and went back to Campbell's house. She spotted a bundle of photographs in the letter-box and ran off with them to Miss Fuller's house.

The girls burned the photographs showing them semi-naked and all the negatives. Asked why, Miss Fuller said: 'I was ashamed and embarrassed.'

The jury was told that police searching Campbell's home in June last year found more negatives featuring the photographs.

Campbell denies abduction and murder. The trial continues.

Mob fury against the man accused of Sarah's murder



Flashpoint: Police and onlookers clash as Roy Whiting is driven from court yesterday

RESTRAINED by police, a furious onlooker lunges at a car carrying the man accused of kidnapping and murdering SarahPayne.

He was among a mob of more than 200 who hurled abuse and charged at the Mercedes people carrier taking Roy William Whiting away from his first court appearance.

Minutes earlier, Whiting had been led from Chichester magistrates court, West Sussex, with his head under a blanket and bundled into the car, which had blacked-out windows.

By **Rebecca English**

Eggs were thrown as it sped away with a police escort. But as it slowed at a level crossing 100 yards away, the baying protesters gave chase.

Skirmishes broke out between police and irate onlookers as a line of around 20 officers strung themselves out across the road in an attempt to keep the crowd back. They included parents with young children. Police confirmed that one man was arrested for public order offences, but released without charge.

Another was bailed on suspicion of causing criminal damage.

When Whiting, 42, arrived at 9.15am, only a handful of onlookers were outside the court despite a large police presence.

But their numbers swelled during his appearance. Whiting, originally from Littlehampton, West Sussex, spoke only to confirm his name and age during the 38-minute hearing.

Presiding magistrate Michael Sugden, sitting with two others, remanded him in custody.

He said Whiting would next be appearing at a preliminary hearing at Lewes Crown Court on February 19.

Eight-year-old Sarah vanished as she played in fields close to her grandparents' home in Kingston Gorse, West Sussex, on July 1 last year.

Her body was found 16 days later in a shallow grave near Pulborough, 12 miles away.

Sarah's parents, Sara and Michael Payne, did not attend yesterday's hearing.

Sarah: Shallow grave

DANIELLE CASE COP IS HELD ON CHILD PORN

Swoop after FBI probe

By JOHN TROUP

A COP involved in the hunt for missing schoolgirl Danielle Jones was arrested yesterday in the worldwide crackdown on internet child porn.

Det Con Chris Lacey was led away by colleagues after they seized computer equipment in an early morning raid on his home.

He was one of six people held yesterday – and is believed to be among 30 British police officers whose names are on a list of suspected subscribers to US-based child porn websites.

The arrest comes after two Cambridgeshire cops involved in the hunt for Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman were held in the same probe by America's FBI. Lacey, who is in his early 30s and married with a baby, helped with door-to-door inquiries on Danielle.

The 15-year-old vanished in June last year on her way to school in Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

Her body has never been found but her uncle Stuart Campbell, 44, goes on trial next week accused of her murder.

Vanished . . . schoolgirl Danielle

Images

A police source said of Lacey: "Nobody would have thought this.

"He was extensively involved in the Danielle inquiry, though he was not at the forefront."

Essex Police said: "Six men were arrested at various locations as part of an ongoing investigation into child abuse images.

"No further information will be given until the men have either been charged or released."

The FBI has supplied Britain's National Criminal Intelligence Service with details of nearly 7,000 people here whose credit details linked them to internet sites.

The list is thought to include pop stars, judges, teachers and sportsmen.

News

Sex case man targeted by mob kills himself

David Ward

A grandfather charged with sex offences against young girls was driven to kill himself after a vigilante mob attacked his home, his solicitor claimed yesterday.

James White, 54, took an overdose on Saturday after he and his wife had been driven from their house in Oldham, Greater Manchester, and spent almost a week on the run.

After staying with members of his family and then in bed-and-breakfast houses, he drove to a service station on the M61 in Lancashire and swallowed 100 pills prescribed to him after a stroke.

He rang his wife to say: "I cannot put you through any more of this." He died in hospital the following day.

"He had been literally scared to death," said his solicitor, Milton Firman, who had represented him at court hearings over the past month. "He has been punished beyond all reason — and not just Mr White but his wife and five children too."

Mr Firman accused the News of the World, which had not named Mr White, of creating a climate of hysteria in which vigilantes took the law into their own hands.

Mr White, married for 34 years and with no previous convictions, first appeared before Oldham magistrates last month and admitted three charges of indecent assault on two girls in 1988, 1991 and June this year. He denied four other charges dating from 1982 and 1988. The case was not reported by the local media at that time.

"He was very badly shaken when he appeared in court," said Mr Firman. "He saw the court case as a blessing. You could say he wanted to purge his guilt. I took the view that he was in desperate need of help. By the time of his second court appearance, the News of the World's name-and-shame campaign had begun."

This time there was a short report in the Oldham Chronicle saying that Mr White had been remanded on bail. A group of neighbours then surrounded Mr White's home and threatened to firebomb it. They threw missiles and shouted abuse and Mr White and his wife, Jean, had to be rescued by police, leaving their possessions behind.

"They went bananas and wrecked the house," added Mr Firman. "It's now boarded up. The council later told him that he had abandoned the tenancy and could not return."

Mr and Mrs White stayed with members of their family but left after relatives received death threats. "The couple went into hiding in bed-and-breakfast houses in the Saddleworth area," said Mr Firman. "He was due in court on Monday. I was ready to ask for a police escort. He could not have gone through the front door because he was so terrified."

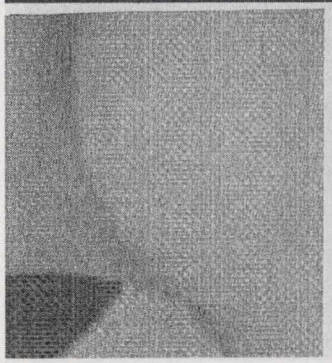
On Saturday morning, Mr White left his secret address and said he was going to buy a paper. He drove to the motorway services on the M61 near Chorley, Lancashire, and took the fatal overdose.

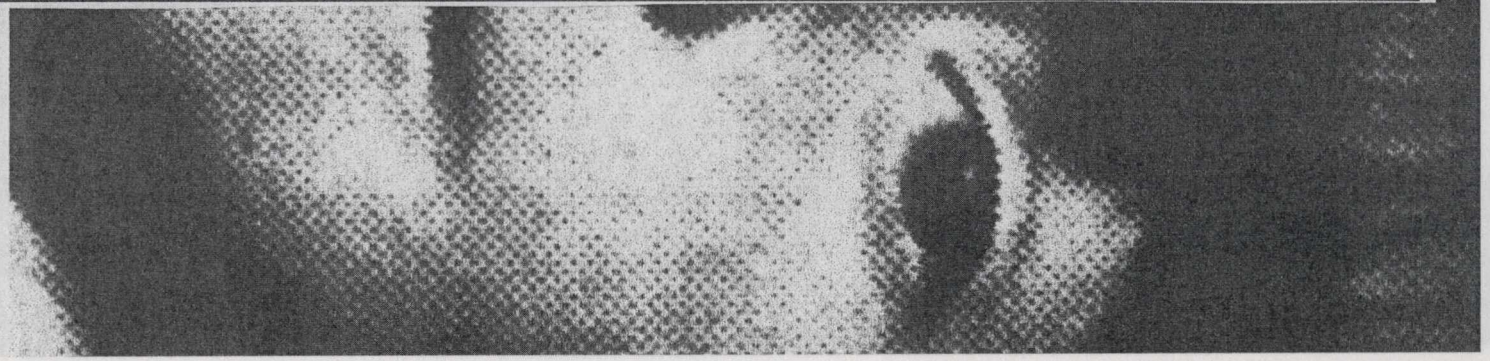
Yesterday his family placed an in memoriam notice in the Oldham Chronicle describing him as a "beloved husband and the best dad in the world".

"Before the attacks, Mr White was coping and wanting to receive treatment," said Mr Firman. "He was full of remorse, which is very unusual in these cases, and was adamant that he was not guilty of four of the charges. Now as a result of the hysteria that has been whipped up, he and his family have been punished beyond all reason. His widow and children are now grieving and will eventually consider what rights they wish to exercise."

Of the role of the News of the World, he added: "To place concerns for our moral welfare in the hands of such papers sets a very dangerous precedent."

The News of the World said last night: "This case has quite clearly nothing whatsoever to do with the News of the World. The man concerned had not been named in the News of the World 'For Sarah' campaign."





Exposed child sex fugitive may stay free

Daily Express 8/2/02

BY MARK BLACKLOCK

POLICE who tracked a "named and shamed" paedophile to Spain after he spent eight months on the run now fear he may avoid arrest.

Convicted pervert Stephen Glen Featherstone, who jumped bail while awaiting sentence for sex attacks on young girls, has been in hiding since last year.

Detectives recently traced him to a Spanish island and were preparing to extradite him to face justice in Britain. But officers fear the 33-year-old, who until the weekend was working in a bar on the unnamed island, could escape arrest after he was identified by the News of the World.

The newspaper has promised to expose all of the UK's 110,000 convicted paedophiles, despite concerns from child protection and offenders' organisations that the move will drive them underground.

On Sunday it ignored a plea from Cleveland Police and printed Featherstone's picture – which belongs to the force – alongside other photographs of paedophiles. The piece was headlined "Fiend cops don't want you to see".

Yesterday frantic efforts were being made to issue an extradition warrant, though it was unclear if Featherstone, having seen himself named in the English papers abroad, would still be around to have it served upon him.

A police spokeswoman said they knew Featherstone's address abroad, and the newspaper's "name and shame" campaign may have damaged efforts to bring him to account.

She said: "Featherstone is on the run but we know where he is. The extradition process is under way but it could be that the News of the World has now jeopardised that. The risk is that he will now disappear. We asked the paper not to use the picture but it went ahead."

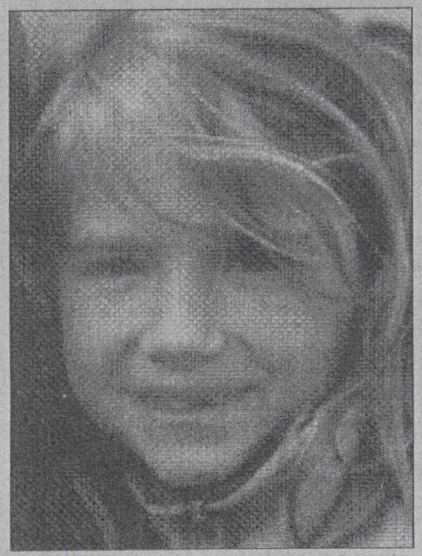
She added that Cleveland Police did not support the newspaper campaign because it was unhelpful to police and risked vigilante incidents.

Yesterday the Teesside-based commercial radio station TFM – which reported the News of the World's revelations at the weekend – was forced to broadcast an apology after complaints from two local men who shared Featherstone's name and who also came from his home town of Billingham.

Featherstone, formerly of Thames Road, Billingham, was convicted at Teesside Crown Court in November on six counts of indecency with two girls under 14. The complaints dated back to between 1980 and 1985, and were made last April when one of his victims was concerned that he had found work as a swimming coach with children.

Featherstone was ordered to be placed on the sex offenders' register and he should have answered his bail at the Middlesbrough law courts in December. An arrest warrant was issued when he failed to appear.

Sarah: 'No evidence of sex assault'



SARAH: Police have comforted her parents

BY DAVID DILLON

THE parents of murdered Sarah Payne have finally been told she was not seriously sexually assaulted by her killer.

The news, revealed three weeks after her body was discovered, has brought some comfort to Sara and Mike Payne, but police have told them they are still hunting a paedophile.

Detectives told them last week that tests by two pathologist convinced them eight-year-old Sarah did not suffer a horrendous sex attack before she died.

Afterwards Sara said: "We've found it very helpful to be kept informed of everything by the police. They realised Mike and I were serious about wanting to know every little detail of what happened to Sarah.

"They have been brilliant to us. We have asked them things and they have told us.

"We understand how the police are thinking and we trust them with their investigation."

They have also insisted that detectives explain in detail about paedophiles and their methods.

A Sussex police spokesman said: "We have not found any evidence of sexual assault but we still believe she was the victim of a paedophile attack.

"Sara and Mike have both been so incredibly brave. They do not want to be protected from anything."

Meanwhile, Sarah's devastated grandparents, Terry and Lesley, have revealed they are to move home because they cannot bear to be so close to the spot where Sarah disappeared.

Their cottage, in Kingston near Preston, West Sussex, is 150 yards from the cornfield where she was last seen alive.

They have told police: "We loved it here, it was so peaceful and pretty. Now we feel as if there is a big black cloud permanently hanging over our home. It doesn't feel the same anymore. We thought it was the safest place in the world for our grandchildren to play outside.

"How wrong we were. We can't stay around here after what happened to Sarah."

Since her abduction on July 1 Sarah's entire family have been staying at the house.

They cannot face returning to their own home in Surrey, saying it is too full of memories of Sarah. Later this month they know they must leave and thankfully their local council has found a new home for them with a garden.

The next significant step for the Paynes is the release of Sarah's body for burial. They have been told this will take place soon.

After the high profile memorial service at Guildford Cathedral last Saturday Sara and Mike have decided they want a private burial attended just by family and close friends.

Sunday Express 8/20/00

Sarah: Man bailed after police quiz

BY BOB McGOWAN

A MAN arrested in connection with the Sarah Payne murder hunt was yesterday given police bail after just 24 hours of questioning.

However, Roy Whiting, 41, from Littlehampton, West Sussex, was not released because he is still remanded in custody for a number of unrelated offences involving alleged car theft and assault.

Detectives had detained Whiting on Monday morning after he had appeared before magistrates on unrelated charges.

Eight-year-old Sarah's body was found in a shallow grave in a field in Pulborough, about 15 miles from the site where she disappeared in Kingston Gorse near Littlehampton on July 1.

Mr Whiting was originally arrested on July 2 on suspicion of abduction. He was held for three days before being released without charge.

Police said on Monday that they had new evidence, but would not say what it was.

AUGUST 2 2000 DAILY EXPRESS

No bond in peeping tom case

A McHenry County judge Friday revoked the bond of an alleged peeping tom charged with sexually assaulting two suburban teenagers, meaning 32-year-old Dominick Rode of Chicago will remain jailed until at least next month. Rode was charged last week in DuPage County with attacking two Naperville teenagers after first peeping in their windows late at night. Rode allegedly committed those attacks while he was free on bail after being charged last October in McHenry County with trying to lure a 13-year-old boy into his car.

Sun-Times 8/2/13

Sarah Payne suspect released

Steven Morris

Detectives hunting the killer of Sarah Payne yesterday released a man they had been questioning without charge.

Mechanic Roy Whiting, 41, was quizzed for the second time about the eight-year-old girl following his arrest on Monday. But after being questioned for 24 hours, Mr Whiting was released to the prison service, which is holding him on unrelated charges.

Pressure is increasing on detectives to find the person who abducted and murdered Sarah. Though one of her shoes was found, they still have no solid forensic evidence leading them to the killer.

Mr Whiting was first arrested on July 2, the day after Sarah vanished from fields close to her grandparents' home near East Preston, West Sussex, but was released three days later without charge.

After he was freed, the house in Crawley where he was thought to be staying was targeted by youths who hurled abuse and threw stones.

Mr Whiting appeared in court on Monday on unrelated motoring, theft and assault charges and immediately afterwards was re-arrested in connection with Sarah's murder – exactly a fortnight after the girl's naked body was found in a field beside the A29 near Pulborough, West Sussex.

Detective Superintendent Peter Kennett, who is leading the hunt for the killer, said that "fresh evidence" had come to light. He would not say what the new information was.

There was speculation that Mr Whiting was to take part in an identity parade but well-placed police sources said this had not happened, suggesting that the new evidence had not come from somebody who had actually seen a possible suspect.

At a press conference on Monday to announce the re-arrest Mr Kennett, who has taken over from Detective Superintendent Alan Ladley in the last week, urged caution, saying: "Just because someone's arrested it doesn't mean to say they will be charged."

Yesterday Sarah's family were discussing details of a memorial service to be conducted by the sub-dean at Guildford cathedral , Canon Maureen Palmer, on August 12.

A spokesman for the family said: "Sara and Michael's biggest worry is that there will not be enough room for all the people who want to attend, so they want to make sure provisions are made for anyone who cannot be inside the cathedral."

Global Guardian 8/2/00

Sun Times 4/24/98

Supreme Court lets 'Megan's Law' stand

By Richard Carelli
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court rejected a double-jeopardy challenge Monday to "Megan's Law," the New Jersey measure that requires authorities to tell communities the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders.

The court also turned away a similar attack on the Megan's Law enacted by New York's Legislature a year later.

Although the actions did not directly affect similar laws adopted in 35 other states, they were welcomed as a major victory for proponents of such measures.

The court, acting without comment in two separate cases, turned away arguments by sex offenders in New Jersey and New York that the respective laws' notification provisions violate their Fifth Amendment protections against being punished twice for the same crime. They argued that the notification and the public reaction it generates amount to punishment.

"The lawsuit we fought so hard to win is over," exulted New Jersey Attorney General Peter Verniero. "The main challenge to Megan's Law is now concluded."

Community notifications began in New Jersey last month.

But the issue is not decided once and for all.

Michael Buncher, a state public defender, said the next federal challenge to Megan's Law would contend that community notification violates personal privacy rights.

The New Jersey law, enacted in 1995, was named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old girl who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a twice-convicted sex offender who lived across the street from her home. Jesse Timmendequas has been sentenced to death for the crime.

Megan's mother, Maureen Kanka, became a crusader for similar laws across the country.

"I've had faith in this law from Day One," Kanka said. "It is the right thing to do, and it is such a prevalent problem."

The law calls for notice to schools, day-care centers and youth groups about moderate-risk offenders. For high-risk offenders, the law requires police to go door-to-door notifying neighborhood residents.

■ **High court rejects ban on casino TV ads; Page 44.**

The law also requires sex offenders who have been paroled or released after completing their prison sentences to register with local authorities when moving to a community. That requirement, now the law in all 50 states, was not challenged.

In other matters Monday, the court set the stage for a significant ruling for ballot initiatives by agreeing to review requirements Colorado once imposed on the circulation of petitions for such measures, and refused to shield federal agents from a civil rights lawsuit growing out of a deadly siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, six years ago.

NEW JERSEY

Megan's Law may impede fair trial, attorney argues

FLEMINGTON—In her campaign for passage of Megan's Law, Maureen Kanka argued that she would have kept her daughter Megan away from a neighbor if she had known of his past sex offenses.

Now, the defendant's lawyers say that, because of publicity over the 7-year-old's slaying and the laws enacted in her name, his past is so well known that he may not be able to get a fair trial.

Jury selection for Jesse Timmendequas' rape and murder trial began Monday with preliminary screening for the first 300 of a pool of nearly 1,500 prospective jurors. The trial is scheduled to begin May 5.

Timmendequas, 34, is accused of luring Megan Kanka into his Hamilton Township house in 1994 to see a puppy, then raping and strangling her and leaving her body in a park. He could be sentenced to death if convicted.

Timmendequas had two prior convictions for sexual assaults on girls. After the killing, Kanka campaigned for laws requiring communities to be notified when released sex offenders are in their area.

"We're looking for a juror who doesn't know about his prior record and who obviously also has no preconceived notions about the death penalty ... and will be fair," defense attorney Barbara Lependorf said. "I don't know if that's possible." W302

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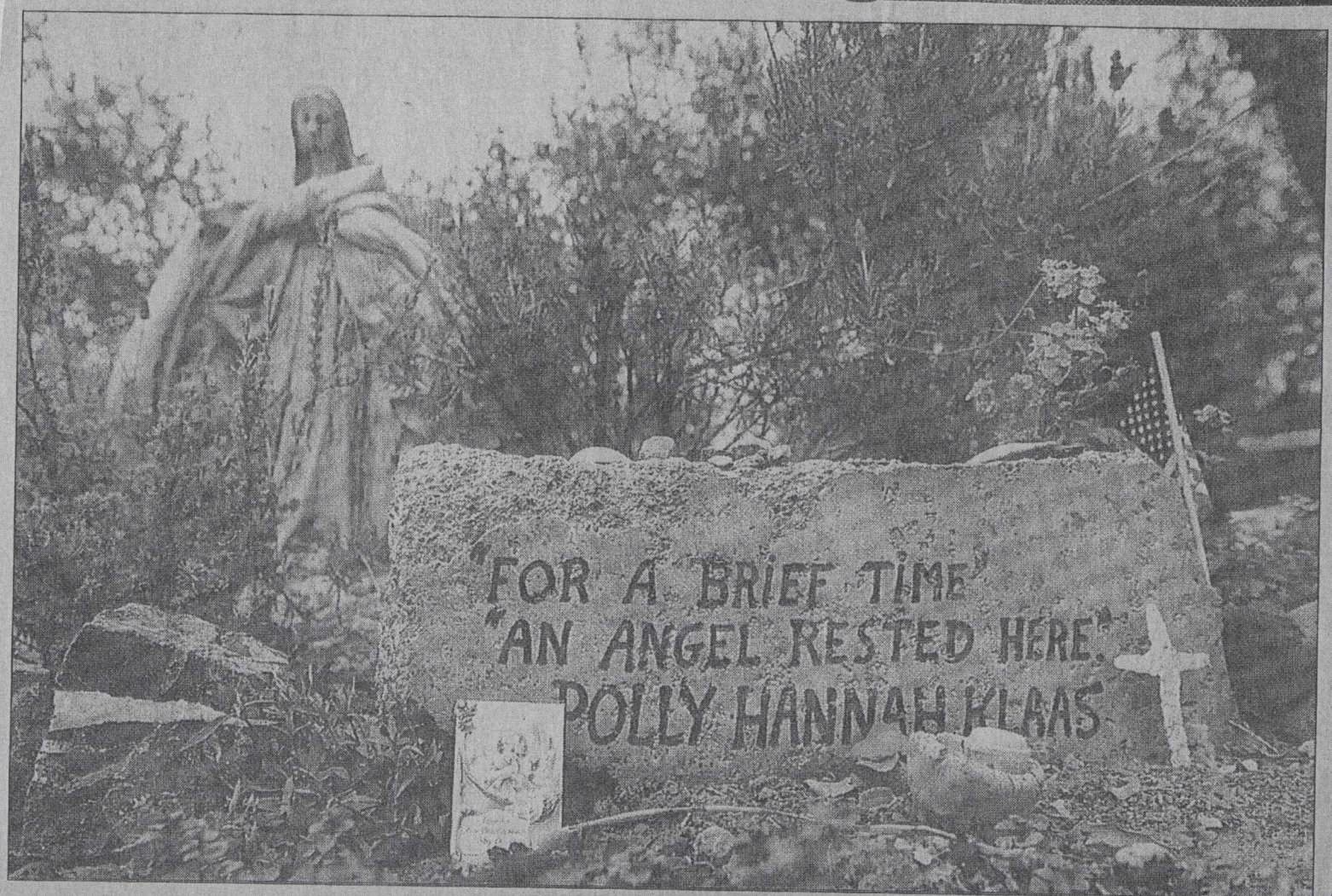

Tribute to victim: A memorial to Polly Klaas stands on the site where she was found in Cloverdale, Calif.

By Chris Chung, Santa Rosa Press Democrat via AP

11/20/98 USA Today

Boys plead to lesser counts in slaying

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Two boys accused of bludgeoning their father to death with a baseball bat pleaded guilty to reduced charges and got up to 8 years in prison Thursday after a judge threw out their convictions and spared them a much harsher sentence.

In strong, clear voices, Derek King, 14, and his brother, Alex, 13, admitted to third-degree murder, as well as arson for burning down the house around their father's body last year.

Derek was sentenced to 8 years in prison; Alex, to 7. The terms are below the 12½-year minimum specified under state guidelines.

The case drew widespread attention in part because prosecutors presented evidence at one trial that an adult friend was the killer and told another jury that the boys did it.

A month ago, Circuit Judge Frank Bell tossed out the boys' second-degree murder convictions, saying their rights were violated by the "unusual and bizarre" way prosecutors simultaneously presented two contradictory theories of the crime. He ordered both sides to try to resolve the case in mediation.

The boys faced prison terms of 20 years to life before the convictions were thrown out.

The boys' mother, Kelly Marino, who has not lived with them for several years, made a last-ditch effort to have them examined by mental-health experts before they pleaded guilty, but the judge said the request had no standing.

The boys told the judge that they understood what they were doing.

Derek King

Outside court, Marino denounced the plea bargain and said her sons had no idea what they were admitting to. She was accompanied by lawyers hired by celebrity Rosie O'Donnell to help with the case. They did not participate in the mediation.

"This is not right. This is America. Unbelievable," Marino said. "We do plan to challenge this."

Terry King, 40, was beaten with an aluminum bat as he slept at his home in nearby Cantonment. The house was then set on fire to cover the crime.

The boys, who were 12 and 13 at the time, gave detailed confessions to police: Derek said he swung the bat and Alex said he had urged his brother to kill their father because they were afraid of being punished for running away from home.

The boys later recanted and pinned the slaying on Ricky Chavis, 41, a convicted child molester and family friend.

Chavis was acquitted of first-degree murder, but remains jailed on other charges of accessory after the fact to murder, evidence tampering and sexually molesting Alex.

Jurors in the boys' trial said they believed Chavis wielded the bat, but they said they convicted the boys because they let Chavis into the house.

Pensacola News Journal photo

Alex King, 13, pleads guilty Thursday to third-degree murder in the slaying of his father.

Sex offender who drove school bus facing new charge

By Brian Cox
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

When a convicted child-sex offender was charged under a new state law in February with illegally driving an Evanston school bus, school district officials in the north suburb said they were confident the man had not abused any of the hundreds of children he had shuttled to and from school.

But Friday, Evanston/Skokie School District 65 officials said they were shocked to learn the driver was charged July 28 with fondling and kissing a 7-year-old boy while he was in their employ in 1997.

Bobby Whitaker, 40, of Chicago was charged with two misdemeanor counts of criminal sexual abuse in connection with two separate incidents last year, said Assistant Cook County State's Atty. Steve Goebel. Whitaker was being held in the Cook County Jail on $25,000 bond Friday. He is scheduled for a Sept. 3 hearing in Cook County Circuit Court in Skokie.

"We didn't know about it. I certainly am shocked," said Debra Hill, District 65's interim superintendent.

Police refused to give details of the alleged incidents except to say the first reportedly occurred in an arcade at 6125 N. Lincoln Ave. in Chicago in June 1997 and the second reportedly in Skokie last September. Police said Whitaker knew the boy from his bus route.

"These two incidents came to light after Whitaker was originally charged last February," Goebel said.

In February, Whitaker was the first person charged under a new state law that bars convicted sex offenders from going on school grounds or transporting children to or from school-related activities.

Investigators said Whitaker had been a licensed school bus driver for Robinson Bus Service Inc. of Evanston since 1994, three years after he was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving an 8-year-old boy in Chicago. Whitaker was incarcerated for a year, authorities said.

Whitaker's attorney, Marshall Weinberg, said the felony charge filed in February is unfair because his client held a valid school bus driver's license at the time of his arrest and had registered with Chicago police as a sex offender.

8/8/98 Tribune

Search on for missing child in North Texas

IRVING, Texas, (UPI) — A special missing child alert is on again in North Texas after a 3-year-old girl vanished from her mother's apartment Saturday.

Police and volunteers continue looking around the Irving area today for Cristy Ryno, who disappeared after possibly wandering outside while the rest of her family slept.

Police were unsure whether the little girl wandered far away or was kidnapped, so they put out a call for a full-scale search. Officer David Tull, an Irving police spokesman, said the department activated the Amber Plan about 3 p.m. Saturday.

He is quoted as saying, "Because of her age and the length of time she had been missing, we decided there was a good reason to call an Amber alert."

Temperatures overnight dropped into the 40s, but Ryno was clad only in light clothing. She disappeared between midnight and 4 a.m.

Her mother, Leticia Ryno, was traumatized by her daughter's disappearance. Police notified the child's father, who lives in New Mexico.

The region has witnessed a rash of child disappearances in the past several weeks.

The Amber Plan, named after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and slain in 1996, was used recently in two child abductions, and a third time for a young boy who left his suburban Dallas home to stay overnight with a friend without telling his mother.

In one incident, the Amber plan apparently spurred an alleged kidnapper who heard it on vehicle radio to free his captive immediately, but 6-year-old Opal Jo Jennings, of Saginaw, remains missing three weeks after she was taken from her grandparents' front yard.

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JOLIET

Indicted man linked to Internet porn ring

By Stanley Ziemba
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

The international Internet child pornography site that led to the indictment this week of a Joliet man was so sophisticated that it employed devices once used by the Soviet secret police, a federal agent said Thursday.

Nick Berg, special agent in charge of the U.S. Customs office in Chicago, said the Internet site, known as the Wonderland Club, operated in such secrecy that access was limited to members who had knowledge of the club's highly complicated access codes.

Berg said that to become a member, an applicant had to be endorsed by three other members and be willing to provide at least 10,000 child pornography images, including, whenever possible, images of the applicant engaged in a sex act with a minor.

More than 100 search warrants have been issued and about 50 people worldwide suspected of being members of the child pornography ring have been arrested, Berg said, including David Vaksdal, 30, a home remodeler from Joliet.

The ring is among "the most sophisticated and complicated cases ever investigated by the federal government," Berg said. "Those who operated the Internet site employed high-tech devices that had been used by the KGB to codify their transmissions."

Berg said that Operation Cheshire Cat began in the spring of 1997.

He declined to say how club members got access to KGB codes or whether former KGB agents were participants in the club.

Berg also would not say how many members worldwide belonged to the group. But other government sources said the group had about 200 members from 14 nations, mostly in Western Europe, and 22 U.S. states, who regularly met in the club's private chat rooms and exchanged images, disks and videotapes of hard-core child pornography via the Internet and other channels.

Vaksdal was arrested and charged Oct. 28 with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of two girls, 6- and 8-years-old, from Will County. He was indicted late Wednesday by a Will County grand jury on nine additional counts of child pornography in connection with his alleged association with the club.

Vaksdal had been in the Will County jail on $1 million bond for his earlier arrest. Bond for the latest charges was set at $5 million by Will County Circuit Judge Stephen White.

The bond is the highest ever set in Will County for a Class 1 felony, according to Will County State's Atty. James Glasgow.

If Vaksdal is tried and found guilty of the child pornography charges, he could be sent to prison for 4 to 15 years, Glasgow said.

Illinois Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan's Internet Child Exploitation Task Force also took part in the investigation.

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METRO

More child porn charges for Joliet man

A Joliet man accused of sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl was slapped with additional child pornography charges and a $5 million bond Thursday.

Will County and federal authorities said David Vaksdal, 30, was part of an international child pornography ring, the Wonderland Club, that operated on the Internet. Two girls pictured on the club's site were from Will County.

Vaksdal was charged last month with aggravated criminal sexual abuse. A federal investigation into the club helped the Will County Internet crime unit arrest him and led to nine child pornography-related charges, authorities said.

Authorities said they found 30,000 to 50,000 pornographic images among his computer material.

Chuck McWhinnie

Porn charge put on hold for 2 years

Gurnee suspect, U.S. OK pretrial diversion

By Matt O'Connor
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Neighbors expressed shock last year when Craig Zucker, a former Sunday school teacher and father of a young daughter, was arrested as part of a nationwide crackdown on the distribution of child pornography by computer.

The Gurnee man was named in an 11-count indictment stemming from an undercover investigation dubbed Innocent Images, in which FBI agents posed as America Online subscribers to ferret out peddlers of child pornography on the Internet.

"We are not going to allow pedophiles to hide behind anonymous keyboards," U.S. Atty. Jim Burns vowed after Zucker's first court appearance in Chicago in September 1995.

But in a surprising development Wednesday, Burns' office announced it has agreed, in effect, to put Zucker, 33, on probation for 2 years while he continues counseling for his sexual problems.

The agreement imposes strict limits on Zucker's contact with children. If he violates the agreement, federal prosecutors can resume their prosecution. On the other hand, if at the end of the two-year period he has been in no further legal trouble, the charges will be dropped.

U.S. District Senior Judge James B. Moran approved the agreement.

Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said the agreement, known in the federal courts as pretrial diversion, isn't unprecedented in a child-pornography case, citing at least one example.

But the most common candidates for pretrial diversion have been U.S. Postal Service employees caught stealing letters, Samborn said.

Prosecutors didn't explain in court their reasons for seeking pretrial diversion in Zucker's case, but Samborn said that "a significant factor" was Zucker's progress in counseling and treatment.

"He is abiding by his counseling program, and he must continue to do that at his own expense," Samborn said. "By no means is he walking away from this prosecution scot-free. He must abide by what we consider to be very strict terms of his probation before the prosecution will be completely behind him."

The agreement forbids Zucker, an accountant, from contact with all children except his extended family unless he obtains permission from probation authorities in advance and the contact is supervised.

He also can't photograph or videotape any minor but his daughter except for group shots at social or family events.

At the time of his indictment, Zucker's wife ran a day-care center out of their home, but there have been no allegations Zucker had sexual contact with any children.

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NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

International raids target child pornography sites

Law enforcement agents in 32 U.S. cities and 13 other countries raided homes of alleged child pornographers Wednesday. In the United States, Customs Service agents served search warrants and seized personal computers in 22 states. About two dozen people were arrested in England, four were arrested in the United States, and about 100 remained under investigation. Those arrested or facing indictment possessed at least hundreds and, in some cases, more than 10,000 images of children being sexually abused and physically harmed, Customs said.

Indiana Girl, 8, Found Slain

TOM CRUZE/SUN-TIMES

Tori Lundy keeps her son Cody, 2, close Tuesday after learning that Sarah L. Paulsen, a neighborhood child, was killed near her Portage, Ind., home.

By Neil Steinberg
and Art Golab
Staff Writers

An 8-year-old Portage, Ind., girl who had been out riding her bicycle Tuesday morning was found dead shortly after noon in a wooded area near her home.

Sarah L. Paulsen was last seen alive at a White Hen Pantry about 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, neighbors said.

Less than two hours later, her partially clad body was discovered by Donna Sullivan, a resident of Central Avenue, who was walking her dog when the dalmatian "stopped dead in its tracks," according to Dave Sullivan, the woman's husband.

"She thought there was a deer in the woods, so she pulled the dog into the woods to chase the deer away," he said.

Instead she saw Sarah's body, face down, dressed only in a two piece bathing suit.

Sullivan said his wife "just flew up the hill, crying and hysterical, and she called 911."

One resident said the slain girl's two brothers, who had been watching her, were with police when they arrived at the woods to investigate.

Sarah L. Paulsen

Area residents said they had seen Sarah playing with her brothers that morning. One brother is in fifth grade; the other in eighth grade.

There were no "obvious signs of violence" on the girl's body, police said. Nor were there signs of struggle, police said.

The green pants the child had been wearing over her swimsuit when she left the house were discovered by police near her bicycle, about 50 feet from where her body was found.

The girl's body was taken to the coroner's office in South Bend. An autopsy was being performed Tuesday night by Porter County Coroner John Evans.

Evans' office said that results of the autopsy would probably not be available until this morning.

Both of Sarah's parents were at work at the time of the killing.

Portage is a small city, known for the Port of Indiana, about 50 miles east of Chicago. Central Avenue is a busy residential street, sitting on a ridge. Behind the houses, a grassy area slopes back to a woods and marsh. Nearby are railroad tracks and a softball field.

Neighbors were stunned by the death.

"This is a small town," said Sharon Godby. "Nothing ever happens here. This is unreal."

Dave Sullivan, who has two young boys of his own, said: "This is a great place to play, but you see that swingset over there? The closest my kids are going to get to it is looking out the window."

Contributing: *Jim Casey*

Convicted pedophile is arrested

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Registration law tips off local police

By Linda Young
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A new law requiring convicted child-sex offenders to register with their local police departments has resulted in at least one arrest.

A West Chicago man, previously convicted of a similar offense, was arrested last week and charged with molesting a 9-year-old boy after police stopped by his home to remind him to register and found him with two children.

The law and its enforcement became the focus of attention in July after Robert Koppa, who had served a prison term for a sex murder, was charged with abducting a Bloomingdale teenager from Woodfield Mall and sexually abusing her. He had not registered with police because he had not been convicted within the last 10 years.

The West Chicago case is an indication of the way the law is supposed to work, by subjecting people previously convicted of sex crimes against children to closer scrutiny by neighbors and local authorities.

"Just about everything we know about pedophiles is that they don't stop," said Ed Cotton, deputy director of the Division of Child Protection of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. "So the notion of being able to take stronger steps against them is certainly a boost for child protection."

Last Tuesday, West Chicago police got a telephone call from the DuPage County sheriff's office, telling them that a convicted child-sex offender, Raymond Borkowicz, was living in town.

West Chicago patrol officers stopped by his second-story storefront apartment to remind him that, unless he registered with police under Illinois' new notification law, he could be charged with a felony punishable by a fine and as much as 3 years in prison.

A detective checking up later spotted Borkowicz with two children, and police started asking questions in the neighborhood, DuPage County Assistant State's Atty. Dan Guerin said.

Their questions alarmed the mother of a boy who had spent time with Borkowicz's son, who was spending the summer with him, and who had stayed overnight at the apartment.

Police questioned the boy, and by Friday they had enough evidence to charge Borkowicz with predatory sexual assault of a child.

Neighbors had no idea until police came calling that Borkowicz, 39, had been convicted of molesting a boy in Bolingbrook in 1990, police said. He served about 2½ years in prison.

Because of that earlier crime, Borkowicz could go to prison for as much as 60 years if convicted again. Predatory sexual assault of a child, a Class X felony, carries a maximum sentence of 30 years, but that can be doubled with a prior conviction, Guerin said.

METRO

Man suspected of belonging to child porn ring

BY ART GOLAB
SUBURBAN REPORTER

Federal and local officials said a Joliet man charged with sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl is suspected of being part of an international child pornography ring operating over the Internet.

Authorities traced the suspect, David Vaksdal, 30, through a picture of the victim, which had been circulating on the Internet.

The U.S. Customs Service tipped the Will County Internet Crimes Task Force, which made the arrest.

Michael Mitchell, a Customs Service special agent, said Vaksdal was identified during his agency's investigation of the Wonderland Club, an exclusive group of child pornographers operating in 22 states and 13 countries.

Membership in the club was limited to those who had at least 10,000 pornographic pictures of children stored in their computers.

Vaksdal was arrested and charged Wednesday with aggravated criminal sexual abuse after the girl was interviewed at the Will County Child Advocacy Center, according to the state's attorney's office.

Several pieces of computer equipment, as well as videotapes and about 100 homemade CD-ROMs were seized from Vaksdal's home. Investigators say Vaksdal has admitted he used the equipment for child pornography.

METRO

Reward Offered in Strangling of Indiana Girl, 8

By Art Golab and Jim Casey
Staff Writers

When the second-grade class at Aylesworth Elementary in Portage, Ind., begins the school year today, it will be without a blond-haired girl named Sarah.

Eight-year-old Sarah Paulsen—described by cousins as an "always happy girl" who "smiled a lot"—was found murdered Tuesday near her home. On Wednesday, authorities announced that Sarah had been strangled and sexually assaulted.

As a $15,000 reward offer was issued for information about her killer, police canvassed the area for clues.

Sarah's body was discovered Tuesday shortly before noon in a wooded area near her home. She was last seen riding her bicycle at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday near a White Hen Pantry store.

An autopsy conducted Wednesday by the Porter County, Ind., coroner's office ruled that most likely someone used their hands to strangle Sarah, police said.

According to the autopsy, Sarah was killed between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The pants Sarah had been wearing over her swimsuit were found near her bicycle about 50 feet from where her body was found. Sarah's clothing and her bicycle were taken to the Lake County, Ind., crime lab Wednesday for analysis.

The reward is being offered by the National Steel Corp., where Sarah's parents work. Her mother and father were working at the time of the murder, police said. Sarah was left at home with two brothers—one in fifth grade, another in eighth.

No suspects were in custody Wednesday night. Anyone with information on the murder should call authorities at (219) 762-3122.

"Grieving hearts need God's comfort," read a sign in an Indiana church parking lot Wednesday night, 50 yards from where Sarah's body was found.

The words expressed the shock that has hit Portage, a town of 31,000 where murders are rare and the murder of a child almost unheard of.

"In 23 years, I have never seen a crime like this," said police public information officer John Rogers.

At a memorial service for Sarah at the Central Avenue Church of God on Wednesday night, a knot of teenage girls stood next to a pile of stuffed animals in the parking lot. They hugged and cried.

A note on top of the animals said: "I love you. I'm sorry. These are for you." More than 250 people showed up for a memorial service at the church. Sarah's family attended a private funeral service elsewhere.

Randy Bierman, a nearby resident who attended the public memorial service, pointed to his heart and said: "It hits me right here."

And Bierman articulated the question on many people's minds in Portage:

"Who in their right mind would cut a girl's life short like that?"

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Prison suicide watch on Sarah 'suspect' after car theft arrest

Tragic: Sarah Payne

A MAN questioned over the abduction of Sarah Payne was last night put on 'suicide watch' in prison after he was arrested for stealing a car.

The suspect, whose name cannot be revealed for legal reasons, was one of the two men questioned by detectives within days of the eight-year-old's disappearance from a Sussex lane.

The 41-year-old man, who lives in a flat in the West Sussex resort of Littlehampton, was questioned for three days before being released on police bail 'pending further enquiries.'

He moved in with his elderly father at an address in Crawley, West Sussex, but the house came under attack from 'vigilantes'.

He left to live in a tent in the Crawley area. But early last Sunday he was arrested following a high-speed car chase through the town after the theft of a Vauxhall Nova hatchback car.

At Crawley magistrates court on Monday he was charged with theft, assault and aggravated vehicle taking. He was remanded in custody for one week.

He is being held at Highdown jail, near Sutton, Surrey, where a source said: 'He is literally being watched 24 hours a day. He is known to suffer from depression and mood swings.' Police stressed that no-one had yet been arrested in connection with the murder of Sarah.

Her family yesterday made their third visit to the spot where her body was found last week. They placed flowers by the floral tributes that cover an 80-metre stretch of roadside by the A29 near Pulborough, West Sussex.

Her mother Sara sobbed uncontrollably. Sarah's father Michael said: 'We have to keep coming back here to be close to where she was.'

Police are still looking for clothing she was wearing when she vanished 12 miles away in East Preston, West Sussex, on July 1.

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Judge finds suspect unfit for trial in slaying, rape

By Maurice Possley
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A South Side man accused of murdering a 7-year-old boy and then luring the victim's 11-year-old sister to his apartment where he allegedly raped her was declared unfit to stand trial on Monday.

Stanley Head, 28, was found mentally unfit to stand trial by Criminal Courts Judge James Flannery after hearing the results of psychiatric examinations conducted on Head.

After his arrest, police said Head had repeatedly referred to himself by his middle name "Chris," saying that Chris had committed the crimes.

On Nov. 21, Kenneth Wright, 7, and his 11-year-old sister were at home in their apartment in the 8200 block of South Green Street when Head, who lived on the second floor of the building, called and asked the girl to come upstairs because a package intended for her mother had been delivered to him, according to police.

The girl, apparently frightened because Head was known to act strangely, sent Kenneth. When the boy came upstairs, Head allegedly stabbed the boy nine times and stuffed him into a closet after coating the body with herbs and wrapping it in a blanket, police said.

Head then went downstairs, dragged the girl back to his apartment and assaulted her, police said.

The girl was held captive for more than eight hours in the apartment, sexually assaulted repeatedly and slashed on the neck with a knife, police said.

In their search for the children, police came to Head's apartment to ask questions. While they were there, the girl ran from a bedroom, bound and gagged and said she had been raped, according to police.

Head then admitted he had killed the boy and led authorities to the closet, according to police.

As a result of the ruling, Head will be held in a state mental institution until he is deemed mentally fit to stand trial.

A paedophile moves back to the street where his victim lives... and she has to leave

A GIRL of ten and her family had to move house after a paedophile jailed for attacking her was allowed back to live in the same street.

The victim's family are angry and bitter that the authorities were powerless to stop the 48-year-old moving back to his council house.

The child suffered nightmares and was

By **James Mills**

scared to go to school after the divorced father-of-two, who gained legal protection to keep his anonymity, returned to the area.

But police and council chiefs said their hands were tied as the man had only been sentenced to eight months, serving five months inside.

Under the Criminal Justice Act, only those sentenced to 12 months or more can be prevented from living near their victims.

Last night, there were calls for the law to be changed to stop others suffering similar torment.

The girl had to pass the man's house on her way to school. He once stuck out his tongue at her, said the victim's mother yesterday.

She said the man's return to the street in Powys, Mid Wales, was like her daughter's ordeal 'starting all over again'. The mother added: 'She wouldn't sleep in her bedroom and didn't want to go to school.

'She thought he would go down and try and grab her from school.

'I thought that once he came out of prison then he was going to be sent somewhere else.

'I didn't think he would have come back to live opposite the victim.

'We cannot believe something cannot be done.

'I had to watch my daughter's every move and if she had to go down the road, she would have to walk down past his house.

'My daughter was just getting really angry and upset by it and just didn't want to go to school.

'She wasn't eating her food. She was very quiet and just didn't speak.

'I just hope that it doesn't happen to another child.

'I just think they should have the powers to move him and be able to not put him back in the area.'

The mother said the family had no choice but to move several miles away so the girl could try to lead a normal life.

Since being rehoused by Powys Council, the mother added, she has been 'much happier'.

The girl's uncle added: 'The law stinks. He's back hounding his victim as if she didn't suffer enough.'

Nick Bourne, leader of the Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, said: 'It must have been a living hell to find this man coming back.

'The family were victims twice over. It is appalling.'

A spokesman for Dyfed Powys Police said: 'Several meetings were held with Powys Council but they were powerless to stop the paedophile moving so close to his victim.'

A council spokesman said: 'We have not been able to do anything about him but have done the next best thing by re-housing the family.'

The pervert cannot be named as he gained an injunction to stop his identity being made public to protect his children.

He was allowed to live near his victim despite schemes and legislation to monitor sex offenders.

Paedophiles on the sex offenders register have to tell the police of their address.

But unless they were sentenced to more than a year in prison, they are free to live where they choose.

Sex offenders can also come under

'He is back hounding her'

scrutiny in the community under Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements, introduced in 2001, in which the police, probation service and social services work together.

Sexual Offence Prevention Orders can further restrict their movements by, for example, banning them from playgrounds or swimming pools.

Legislation stopping some paedophiles contacting or living near their victims was introduced after pressure from the parents of eight-year-old murder victim Sarah Payne.

Mike and Sara Payne have campaigned for measures, known as Sarah's Law, to inform the public of the addresses of any predatory paedophiles in their area.

Those who support the case for Sarah's Law want all paedophiles to be prevented from living near their victims, whatever length of sentence they receive.

I DID NOT KILL LITTLE SARAH SAYS SUSPECT

By LUCY ROCK

A SUSPECT in the Sarah Payne murder inquiry yesterday denied being involved in the death of the eight-year-old.

Roy Whiting's lawyer said he'd stood in two identity parades and not been picked out. The 45-year-old has twice been arrested and released without charge and is on bail in connection with the killing.

Now in custody on unrelated motoring matters he claims officers were wrong to arrest him the second time. His solicitor said: "There were no legal grounds to arrest or detain him."

Whiting was first held in July, hours after the schoolgirl was snatched at Kingston Gorse, West Sussex. Detectives released him after 92 hours but forensic experts spent two weeks searching his flat in Littlehampton.

He was quizzed again three weeks later when Sarah's naked body was found in Pulborough.

SUSPECT: Whiting at court

NEW JERSEY

Parents of slain boy, teen killer reconcile

JACKSON—Two years to the day after an 11-year-old boy was murdered while selling things for a PTA fund drive, his parents made peace with the killer's mother and father.

The victim's parents, Edward and Valerie Werner, appeared Monday with Nicholas and Dolores Manzie outside the home of a pastor who helped unite them. The fathers hugged each other; Mrs. Manzie gave Mrs. Werner a bouquet of flowers.

"Maybe now we can begin to start healing and put the pieces of our families back together," Mrs. Werner said.

The Werners said they would remove the Manzies from a wrongful-death lawsuit filed Sept. 20.

The suit blamed the Manzies, among others, for not doing more to control their son, who had been in therapy after being molested by a 43-year-old man he met on-line.

Sam Manzie, 17, is serving a 70-year prison term for strangling 6th-grader Eddie Werner on Sept. 27, 1997, as he went door to door selling holiday items for the PTA.

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Mystery, misery grow in girl's death

New suspect puzzles family, authorities

By Ken Kusmer
Associated Press

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind.— Johnny Neace, whose 10-year-old daughter was abducted and drowned in January, thought authorities had solved the case when they arrested a man who supposedly confessed to killing her because she had stumbled onto a methamphetamine operation.

But three months after Katlyn "Katie" Collman's death, a new suspect has been charged, accused of molesting the girl around the time of her death.

The developments have turned the case upside down, leaving Neace and others in this small Indiana town to wonder where it all will end.

"I'm at the point right now, there's nothing else that can shock me," Neace said.

Katie's slaying initially seemed an open-and-shut case. Her body was found in an Indiana creek.

Charles Hickman, 21, was arrested Feb. 2. Police said he confessed to killing her so she would not reveal that methamphetamine was being made in an apartment near her home. Hickman has since pleaded not guilty to murder.

Katlyn

Then a cigarette butt found at the creek led detectives to Anthony Stockelman. On April 6, investigators learned that DNA material found on the 4th-grader's body matched a sample provided by Stockelman. He was arrested that day.

Stockelman, 38, was accused of molesting Katie but has not been charged with murder.

Neace was in the courtroom when Stockelman appeared for his arraignment.

"I was mad. I was sad again," Neace said. "It made me wonder, 'Who's next? Who's all involved? Will we ever know what happened that day?' "

Prosecutor Steve Pierson acknowledged Stockelman's arrest has muddied the case.

"You can tell there are two people intimately involved in the last hours of Katie Collman's life, and that complicates things," Pierson said.

Hickman and Stockelman are in jail while detectives try to sort out the case, the first murder in nearly three decades in Crothersville, a community of 1,570 people, with 12 churches and one stoplight, about 40 miles north of Louisville.

Stockelman's attorney, James Kilburn, did not return calls from The Associated Press. He has told local newspapers that he has seen no evidence connecting his client to Hickman. He said Stockelman was in Crothersville to help his mother move on the day Katie disappeared.

Hickman's attorney, John Plummer, would not comment on his client's statement to police or other evidence. He said he did not know the circumstances of Hickman's statement.

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REUNITED: Katrina Kessell and Nassar, the boy who wandered off

DEMO MUM RAPPED

By STEPHEN WHITE

THE leader of a city's anti-paedophile campaign has been warned by police to take better care of her own three-year-old son.

Katrina Kessell, 33, was giving a TV interview when Nassar wandered away from her Portsmouth home.

A couple found the naked toddler three streets away, wrapped him in a fleece and alerted police.

Thirty minutes later a distraught Ms Kessell was reunited with her son at Cosham police station.

Mum-of-four Ms Kessell, said later: "I am a good mother. I know how to look after children." Officers said a file on the boy's disappearance would be sent to social services as "standard practice".

In Manchester, mum-of-two Kim Hawksworth said she was planning legal moves to get the ex-teacher who sexually assaulted her jailed.

Raymond Cullens, 52, who assaulted Kim when she was eight, was given a suspended jail sentence on Thursday. Kim, 22, said: "If there is a way to appeal then I will."

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Man held in hunt for girl's killer

By Andrew Chapman

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of ten-year-old tomboy Lauren Pilkington-Smith are to question a fugitive wanted over two violent sex attacks.

Geoffrey Nuttall, 44, is suspected of trying to strangle a 30-year-old woman at knifepoint in front of her four-year-old son and molesting another victim in a separate attack. He had been on the run for a fortnight.

North Wales Police put out a nationwide alert for Nuttall last week amid fears he had returned to his native Wigan in Greater Manchester – a few miles from Lauren's home town of Leigh, Lancashire.

It is alleged Nuttall, arrested yesterday in the Stoke-on-Trent area, dresses like a hillwalker, and police investigating Lauren's killing said they had reports of a man wearing a woolly hat seen behaving in an agitated manner close to where her body was found.

Lauren was last seen on Thursday by friends in a park. She headed home nearby at around 7pm but never arrived.

Her grandfather discovered her body in dense undergrowth as a search was organised.

MURDERED: Lauren Pilkington-Smith

Photos of naked children linked to rape suspect

By John O'Brien

Last fall, a teenage girl told a friend that she had been asked by an old man in her Glen Park neighborhood in Gary to pose naked for photographs in the man's house just down the street.

She refused, but police said other girls, some as young as 5, did not. Police said Thursday that as many as 100 children may have been sexually molested by the same suspect.

Police in Lake Station, Ind., said they confiscated 300 sexually explicit photos from the suspect, Steven Toth, 68, a retired steelworker, after a 16-year-old Gary girl charged that Toth had raped her at gunpoint when she tried to retrieve pictures taken earlier of herself with him.

Photos were found in Toth's car and home after his arrest in the rape case earlier this week, police said. Toth, charged with rape, is being held in the Lake County Jail in Crown Point in lieu of a $5 million bond.

In addition to the photos, contained in several albums and scattered in a large cardboard box, authorities said they seized several audio cassettes that contained conversations they believe were recorded between Toth and the children during the photo sessions.

Court papers filed in support of the record-high bond by Lake County prosecutor Jack Crawford said Toth's "instability" and the likelihood that "multiple felonies of child molesting have been committed" warranted his being held in jail in lieu of bond.

On Thursday, as the extent of the alleged abuse unfolded, authorities questioned how so many cases had gone unreported.

Crawford suggested that parents of the children depicted in the pictures "may have simply ignored anything of an unkind nature or gossip" about Toth. "All too often adults don't listen to our children," he said.

Crawford described Toth as a "neighborhood Pied Pier" who allegedly lured children into his home with offers of money, clothing and the use of his car. Neighbors described Toth as a man who lived alone and who gave birthday parties for neighborhood children.

He said police believe that the children pictured may have been among Toth's former neighbors in the Glen Park section of Gary and among those living in nearby unincorporated Calumet Township.

Toth moved several times in recent years before relocating in August to Lake Station, where he lived alone in a small rented frame house at 2530 E. 37th St. in the mill town just east of Gary.

It was in the Glen Park-Calumet Township area that a teenage girl last November told a friend that Toth wanted to photograph her, police said.

The girl's friend, a 16-year-old boy who asked not to be identified, repeated the account Thursday, saying that he and the girl considered calling police but did not "because it was just our word against his [Toth's]."

A adult former neighbor, Kenneth Surprise, said, "I heard stories and I would discount them because he had lots of kids up to his apartment. Not just one or two. I thought he couldn't be doing anything with so many—that he was just lonely."

Another former neighbor, a woman who asked not to be identified, said she often saw Toth "cruising around with kids in his car."

Crawford said most of those shown with Toth in the photos are girls. He said police are trying to identify and question the subjects. The photos, depicting "a variety of sexual acts," appear to have been taken during the last three to five years, he said.

Thomas Pearson, police chief of Lake Station, described the photos as instant color shots, apparently taken with a timer camera on a tripod. He said the girls in the photos ranged in age from 5 to their early teens.

Pearson said the 16-year-old who said she was raped told Detectives Roger Szostek and James Strine that the attack occurred Saturday after Toth had picked her up in Gary and had driven to his home in Lake Station.

Court records show that Toth has been divorced twice and that in 1972 he was committed to an Indiana state mental hospital after being charged with sexually as-

La Grange man, 34, is charged in boy's abduction, sex assault

By Suzy Frisch
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A La Grange man was charged Tuesday with kidnapping and sexually exploiting an 11-year-old boy abducted from Indiana by another man who also was charged in the crime.

James W. Snyder, 34, of 1518 Plainfield Rd., La Grange, was charged in federal court Tuesday with participating in the abduction of the boy from North Judson near Merrillville in northern Indiana.

John Lock, age and address unknown, was charged in federal court in Hammond, in connection with the kidnapping and sexual exploitation.

The incident started on Friday when the boy's parents gave him permission to sleep over at a neighbor's house, according to a sworn statement by an FBI agent. When the boy did not come home by 7 a.m. on Saturday,his parents called police.

The criminal complaint accuses Lock of drugging the boy with marijuana and alcohol, then sexually assaulting him. Witnesses saw Lock with the boy at about 3:30 a.m. on Saturday near the apartment complex where he was supposed to be staying.

Sometime on Saturday, Lock took the boy to Snyder's home in La Grange, according to the complaint. There the two men are accused of videotaping each other sexually assaulting the boy.

Lock returned to Indiana with the boy and was arrested by the FBI and North Judson police on Sunday.

Snyder appeared Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys, who set a bond of $100,000.

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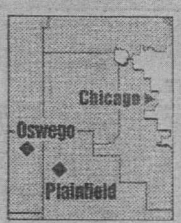
Abuse suspect worried neighbors

BY ART GOLAB
SUBURBAN REPORTER

Richard Stillson, a former Plainfield police chief charged with sexually molesting a boy, for years struck neighbors on his quiet street in Oswego as being odd, they said.



"He was just one of those people—there was nothing definitely wrong about him—but you just kept your kids away," said neighbor Mark Campbell.

Oswego police detective Kevin Radley said, "Over the years we received lots of complaints about his activity . . . a lot of boys in and out of the house." Police said Stillson has no criminal record.

Police said they investigated the complaints but found no evidence of wrongdoing until two weeks ago, when an 18-year-old told them Stillson had sexually abused him in the last three years.

Stillson was arrested Feb. 5, and a search of his home turned up pornographic pictures of children, most of them dating to the 1970s, police said.

Stillson has been charged with sexual abuse and possessing and producing child pornography.

Richard Stillson
Ex-police chief

He was being held in the Kendall County Jail on $107,000 bond. He has yet to be arraigned or enter a plea.

When news of Stillson's arrest spread Wednesday, police received at least 10 phone calls from people who said Stillson had abused them.

"One went back to the 1950s; most of them dated back 20 years or better," Radley said.

Stillson, 57, was chief of police in Plainfield from 1967 to 1970. It was not known why he left the Plainfield force because personnel records were lost in a flood, Plainfield Police Chief Don Bennett said.

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Paedophile ring is facing jail for internet picture

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By Sean O'Neill

A SMALL group of men based in Britain was at the centre of the world's largest network of paedophiles exchanging child pornography on the internet, a court heard yesterday.

The seven men, among them a volunteer youth leader and an employee of the Oxford University Press, exchanged 120,000 indecent pictures of children. The images featured children as young as three months. The men belonged to a secretive internet club called Wonderland, membership of which required the submission of 10,000 pornographic pictures and followed vetting by other paedophiles, it was claimed.

Wonderland had a security handbook giving tips on how to encrypt pictures and "confuse the hell out of the police".

Two electronic gatekeepers, named Alice and Sandra, controlled access to the site. The Britons were also members of Our Place, a second paedophile club set up when the two American founders of Wonderland fell out, Kingston upon Thames Crown Court in Surrey was told.

David Perry, QC, prosecuting, said: "They had a worldwide hierarchy and intricate rules. There was no commercial gain involved. Wonderland was a vast international lending library whose members swapped vast quantities of paedophilic images." Mr Perry said the clubs were smashed following a two-year international investigation led by the National Crime Squad.

It culminated in simultaneous raids across a dozen countries — including Germany, Italy, Australia, Finland and the United States — in which 105 people were arrested.

Tons of computer equipment was seized and 750,000 pornographic images were discovered hidden on hard drives and in encrypted files. The material featured 1,263 different children. So far just 17 have been identified.

The seven all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute indecent images of children.

They are expected to be jailed today and could face up to three years imprisonment. Last month the maximum sentence for their offence was increased to 10 years but it cannot be imposed retrospectively.

The seven are Ian Baldock, 31, a computer consultant of St Leonards, East Sussex, David Hines, 30, unemployed, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, Gavin Seagers, 29, a computer technician, of Dartford, Kent, Antoni Skinner, 36, of Chelsenham, Glos, Ahmet Ali, 31, a taxi driver, of Catford, south London, and Andrew Barlow, 25, and Frederick Stephens, 46, both of Milton Keynes, Bucks.

Stephen Ellis, of Norfolk, another Wonderland member, killed himself following his arrest.

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13/01 Daily Telegraph

Man held on porn charges

By Larry Cose

A man alleged to be a major distributor of child pornography was arrested yesterday in Bangkok, Thailand, in a joint undercover operation featuring Bangkok police and U.S. Customs Service agents from Chicago and Detroit.

It marks the first time that the United States and a foreign country have teamed up to arrest the profiteers of child pornography, said U.S. Customs Assistant Regional Commissioner of Enforcement Donald Watson.

Charged with distribution of pornography was Manit Thararee, 50, a Thai national.

Customs agents and Bangkok police had been working on the investigation since April, when agents in Chicago intercepted parcels of child pornography allegedly sent by Thararee, officials said.

Customs agents, one posing as a pedophile and another as a distributor, contacted Thararee, saying they were interested in purchasing additional child pornography.

They later received "catalogs," featuring Thai children no older than 13 years of age involved with adult men.

"The pictures were horrendous," Watson said. "Some of the children were crying, obviously they were forced or hurt."

Bangkok police, in searching Thararee's residence said they found huge boxes containing child pornography pictures, negatives and correspondence.

Porn collector nabbed in sting gets 2½ years

By Matt O'Connor
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A Chicago man was sentenced to 2½ years in prison Thursday for exchanging videotapes and magazines containing child pornography with what turned out to be an undercover police officer.

In rejecting a tougher sentence, U.S. District Judge Marvin Aspen called 49-year-old Robert E. Driscoll II "a sick man" for collecting kiddie porn but said he wasn't a distributor "in the common sense of that word."

Prosecutors had sought additional prison time, citing Driscoll's taped statement to the undercover officer that he was negotiating with a prostitute to rape an 8-year-old girl and videotape the assault.

When he was arrested, Driscoll said he had been bragging when he told the officer he had raped a 12-year-old in Canada, but he admitted the 8-year-old existed and gave investigators the prostitute's phone number.

Although unable to track down the prostitute or the child, authorities were convinced of the authenticity of Driscoll's claim, according to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Colleen Coughlin and Matthew Crowl.

Aspen, however, concluded authorities had only Driscoll's word and that he was engaging in "pure fantasy."

The judge noted Driscoll had never been in trouble before, held a respectable job for years, has been long married, raised a family and had a "disease he kept in the closet."

Driscoll's legal woes started in summer 1993 after he responded to an ad in the Reader seeking to trade, buy or sell "kinky and unique" videos.

He later indicated an interest in videos of teen and pre-teen sex and animal encounters, according to prosecutors.

It turned out that the ad was part of a sting operation by the Federal Child Exploitation Strike Force, a joint effort by local, state and federal authorities.

Last September, Driscoll first mailed films to the agent and later met face-to-face with him, giving him four videotapes and three magazines Driscoll said he purchased during a family trip to Amsterdam.

At trial in January, Driscoll's lawyers, Anthony Calabrese and Timothy Joyce, contended authorities entrapped him.

But a federal jury convicted him of possessing and distributing child pornography.

Aspen, though, ruled that Driscoll wasn't a commercial distributor of child pornography and had intended to trade his "private collection" with someone he also thought was a collector.

Driscoll apologized in court and said he was being treated by a therapist.

"I'm trying to understand my behavior," he told the judge. "This has been devastating."

Aspen recommended that Driscoll be incarcerated in Butner, N.C., at the only federal prison hospital in the country that treats sex offenders.

He also forbade Driscoll from possessing or distributing child pornography during a three-year supervised period following his release from prison.

21 months in prison for porn conviction

A Streamwood man was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison Wednesday for possession of child pornography and crossing state lines to engage in sex with a minor.

The sentence of William Meadows came despite an emotional plea for supervised release.

Meadows, a 32-year-old data entry supervisor, had pleaded guilty to amassing a computer catalog containing hundreds of explicit pictures depicting children, many of them younger than 12, in various sexual poses.

He also admitted to traveling to Bristol, Wis., with intent to have sex with a 14-year-old girl who turned out to be fictional.

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CALIFORNIA

Jury recommends death in boy's killing

VISTA—A remorseless drifter who killed a 9-year-old boy in a beach restroom should die for his crime, jurors recommended Wednesday.

Brandon Wilson, 21, who slashed Matthew Cecchi's throat, stabbed him in the back and left him to bleed to death, told jurors they should execute him because he would kill again. Wilson killed the Oroville boy in November 1998 at Oceanside Pier north of San Diego.

"My whole purpose in life is to help destroy your society. You people are here as representatives of that society. As such, you should do everything in your power to rid the world of me. Execute me," Wilson told jurors during the penalty phase of his trial.

Superior Court Judge John Einhorn will make the final decision Nov. 4.

20 year old suspect to be charged in 9 year old boy's death

OCEANSIDE, Calif., (UPI) — A 20-year-old transient is expected to be charged with murder for the stabbing death of a 9-year- old boy in a beach restroom in Oceanside, Calif.

Police Sgt. Tom Bussey says Brandon Wilson is expected to make his first court appearance Wednesday to face charges that he killed Matthew Louis Cecchi of Oroville, Calif., while the boy's aunt waited for him outside the restroom Saturday night.

Investigators say the short, slightly built attacker walked right past the boy's aunt, then ran through the parking lot.

The aunt became suspicious when her nephew didn't come out and found him stabbed to death inside the restroom. The third-grader and members of his family were attending a reunion, and had been staying less than 100 feet away in an RV park. The boy's parents had moved north to escape the crime of Southern California.

Police say Wilson "made statements concerning and connecting him" to the killing after he was arrested Monday for allegedly stabbing and trying to rob a 40-year-old woman on a street in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles.

Bystanders grabbed the man and held him until police arrived.

Police say they believe Wilson is a transient who had previously lived in St. Croix, Wis., He apparently stayed in an Oceanside motel the night of the killing.

The little boy's father, Louis Cecchi, said from Oroville, where he is recuperating from cancer treatments, "Our plea goes out to the district attorney in San Diego County that there is no plea bargain."

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Hunt for victims of child sex gang

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

POLICE are trying to identify more than 1,200 children who featured in pictures collected by the world's biggest Internet paedophile ring, a judge was told yesterday.

So far only 17 children, including six in the United Kingdom, have been traced by detectives unravelling the activities of an international paedophile lending library calling itself the Wonderland Club.

A special album of pictures of the children has now been put on the secure website run by Interpol so that forces around the world can check the identification of possible victims.

All of the children involved were under the age of 16 and in one case the child was only three months old.

Details of the ring were unveiled at Kingston Crown Court yesterday as seven Britons await sentencing for their part in the ring. They each face a maximum of three years in prison.

David Perry, QC, prosecuting, said that the men, using nicknames, would trade pictures though the Wonderland Club. They had encryption software that made it difficult for police to access pictures.

Members of the club had to have at least 10,000 indecent images of children to join. The library consisted of 750,000 computer images of 1,263 victims.

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CRACKING THE CODE

Investigators start to catch up with Internet crime

The "Wonderland Club" trial of seven paedophiles, who had exchanged electronic images of the unimaginably brutal sexual abuse of more than 1,260 children, has exposed a vile world of virtual violence. The question raised for law-enforcers and the Internet industry alike — how to police the Internet to prevent such abuse — is one that, until now, has been met with little more than defeatist hand-wringing.

The Internet's powerful potential for every kind of communication has given frightening new freedom to criminals. Operating online lets paedophiles "groom" unsuspecting children encountered in chat rooms for later real-life meetings (and sexual attack). The unfettered exchanges of opinion of specialist websites also enable paedophiles to rationalise their fantasies about sexual encounters with children, convincing themselves and each other that their preferences are normal. That confidence was expressed by one defendant, Ahmed Ali, a London taxi driver, who said 90 per cent of his 12,000 images of children being sexually abused were "friendly, harmless stuff".

The Internet transcends individual national jurisdictions, it is claimed, and any proactive surveillance might whittle away civil liberties. In child pornography, every image is a record of a crime scene, yet it has been commonplace to suggest that nothing at all can be done to remove it from the Internet. The success of this groundbreaking international investigation not only publicises the need for such protection; it is an important demonstration that it is possible to counter Internet crime.

British law is slowly catching up with technology. Most people will be appalled that yesterday's prison sentences were not harsher, but the law has been toughened since these crimes were committed. Amendments to the 1978 Protection of Children Act came into effect on January 11, increasing the maximum penalty for possession and distribution of child pornography from three to ten years. A National Hi-Tech Crime Unit starts work in April; a watchdog body, the Internet Watch Foundation, has existed since 1996. Internationally, co-operation is increasing.

Solving international virtual crimes remains difficult. A picture of a naked 15-year-old might trigger a criminal investigation in one country but, in a state such as Canada where the age of consent is 14, be perfectly legal. Another problem is pinning down who used a computer to access illegal material, when hundreds of users share machines with little security. Encrypting techniques make it hard to break into these rings; as one operative put it "it was like having a hotel room number, but not knowing the hotel's name or what country it was in".

Quick fixes such as demanding that individual Internet Service Providers check sites to which they allow access will not alone deal with a problem so hydra-headed. Yet the global approach now emerging, which in this investigation linked dozens of police groups, industry representatives and watchdogs from many countries, proves that co-operation against crime — even Internet crime — can work. The forces of law are conquering the virtual world; after the Wonderland trial, encouragingly, the Internet can no longer be seen as an anonymous, anarchic terrain where crimes can never be punished.

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Metropolitan briefing

STREAMWOOD

Home confinement in porn case

A Streamwood man was released from custody Tuesday on strict bond conditions after he was charged with possessing child pornography in computer files at his home.

William Meadows, 31, was ordered confined in his parents' home as part of an electronic monitoring program.

Until his case can be resolved, he won't be allowed to leave home except to go to work or to the offices of his lawyer or doctor.

U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Thomas Rosemond Jr. also forbade Meadows from having any contact with minors and from using his computer to gain access to the Internet.

According to a complaint filed Tuesday in federal court, FBI and other law enforcement authorities conducted a search of Meadows' home Saturday. Officers found 1,300 computer files in the home, and about half depicted images of children under the age of 18 engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Meadows acknowledged his computer files contained child pornography, authorities said.

2/12/01

PERVS' SICK NET TRADE

By LORRAINE FISHER

SEVEN men swapped tens of thousands of sick paedophile pictures worldwide with fellow perverts over the internet in the Wonderland Club, a court was told yesterday.

They used nicknames and powerful encryption software to avoid detection and gave tips on how to "confuse the cops" if they were caught.

But they were among 107 people arrested in carefully co-ordinated police raids throughout the world, Kingston Crown Court heard. Now the seven, who admitted plotting to distribute indecent images, face a maximum of just three years in jail when sentenced today – and could be free in 18 months.

GUILTY: Barlow

The prosecutor said: "Wonderland was a vast international lending library whose members swapped vast quantities of paedophilic photos.

Membership was by invitation only" – newcomers had to provide "at least 10,000 images of children younger than teenagers" which were vetted by existing members.

The seven are Ian Baldock, 31, of St Leonards, East Sussex, David Hines, 30, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, Antoni Skinner, of Cheltenham, Glouos, Ahmed Ali, 31, of Tulse Hill, South London.

Andrew Barlow, 25, of Bletchley, Bucks, Frederick Stephens, 46, of Hayes, West London, and Gavin Seagers, 29, of Dartford, Kent.

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Sex perv not sorry

A MAN facing jail for his part in the biggest internet paedophile ring showed no remorse on TV last night.

David Hines, 30, of the Wonderland Club, swapped thousands of photos of children and even watched abuse on-line.

He told BBC1's Panorama: "We didn't see it as abuse. It's great the net ... new pictures to trade."

Jobless Hines, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex and six others are due to be sentenced today.

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Death penalty sought in boy's stabbing

SAN DIEGO, (UPI) — Prosecutors have decided to seek the death penalty for a Wisconsin drifter who stabbed a 9-year-old boy to death in an Oceanside, Calif., public restroom last November.

Twenty-year-old Brandon Wilson admitted to killing Matthew Cecchi, but says he was insane at the time. Prosecutors say Wilson won't go through a trial to determine if he's responsible for the deadly attack, but will undergo a sanity trial.

San Diego District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Gayle Falkenthal said if Wilson is found sane, he'll be sentenced to either life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty.

If found insane, he will be placed in a mental institution and ordered to stay there until his mental condition improves, she said.

Child Porn Collector Sentenced

By Daniel J. Lehmann
Staff Writer

A Chicago Lawn child pornography collector is a "sick man" who needs treatment, a federal judge said Thursday in sentencing him to 2½ years in prison.

Robert E. Driscoll II, 49, was convicted in January of possession and distribution of child pornography.

"I'm sorry for my actions, my behavior," Driscoll said in U.S. District Court.

He said he is under treatment and is trying to understand what attracted him to child pornography, he said.

U.S. District Judge Marvin E. Aspen, who said Driscoll was "clearly not involved in commercial" trafficking of child pornography, sent defense and prosecution attorneys to arbitration over the sentencing range. Initially, Driscoll faced 5 to 6½ years, but the sentence was reduced to 2½ to 3 years.

"Mr. Driscoll has never been a distributor in the common sense of that word," Aspen said.

The judge ordered that Driscoll report Oct. 3 to a federal psychiatric prison in Butner, N.C. Aspen also placed him on probation for three years and ordered that he receive treatment during that period as well.

Driscoll was arrested after authorities placed an ad in an area newspaper seeking "to trade, buy or sell kinky and unique" pornography. Driscoll responded, offering tapes and magazines that he bought in Europe.

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Man charged with killing his half brother, 7

A North Side man was ordered held without bond Sunday on charges he murdered and sexually assaulted his 7-year-old half brother.

Rafael Valderrama, 21, charged with first-degree murder and aggravated criminal sexual assault, was denied bond in an appearance in Holiday Bond Court.

Valderrama allegedly beat and strangled John Bolum before wrapping the body in a plastic bag and dumping it in a breezeway of the Sheridan Park Apartments at 4035 N. Sheridan Rd. Friday. The boy had also been sexually assaulted.

Bolum's mother, who also is Valderrama's mother, reported the boy missing late Friday, and the body was discovered by police early Saturday. Police said Valderrama picked the boy up Friday and brought him to his apartment, where the murder allegedly occurred.

Murder suspect ID'd in police lineup

OCEANSIDE, Calif., Police say a crucial witness has "positively identified" a 20-year-old transient as the young man who fled from a beach restroom in Oceanside where a 9-year-old boy was found dead moments later.

Investigators say the boy's aunt picked Brandon Wilson out of a police lineup today as the man she saw leave the restroom before she became suspicious and went inside to find her nephew stabbed to death Saturday night.

Wilson is expected to make his first court appearance Wednesday to face charges that he killed Matthew Louis Cecchi of Oroville while the boy's aunt waited outside for him.

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CHICAGO

Half brother charged in killing being watched

A North Side man accused of the sexual assault and murder of his 7-year-old half brother was being held in a psychiatric unit Monday after a scheduled court appearance in the case was canceled.

Rafael Valderrama, 21, was being monitored around-the-clock at the Cook County Jail's Cermak Health Services psychiatric unit, said Cook County Sheriff's Department spokesman Bill Cunningham.

Valderrama

"He might be a danger to himself or to another inmate," Cunningham said.

Police said Valderrama had picked up the boy Friday at the home of their mother and was supposed to watch the younger boy at his apartment.

According to investigators, after arriving at the apartment, in the 4000 block of North Sheridan Road, Valderrama sexually assaulted, and strangled the boy.

Afterward, Valderrama allegedly put the boy's body in a plastic bag, and tossed it out of a third floor window of the apartment.

The body was discovered Saturday morning by a watchman.

Cook County Circuit Judge Robert Bertucci on Monday set a new court date for Jan. 27.

(From Defender wires)

Suspect in boy's stabbing death

LOS ANGELES, Police say they have taken a possible suspect into custody in Los Angeles in connection with the weekend stabbing death of a 9-year-old boy in a beach restroom about 85 miles away in Oceanside.

Los Angeles police say Oceanside homicide investigators were en route today to determine if the suspect was the teenager who stabbed Matthew Louis Cecchi to death Saturday night as the boy's aunt waited for him outside the restroom.

Investigators say the attacker walked right past the boy's aunt, then ran through the parking lot Saturday night. The aunt became suspicious when her nephew didn't come out and found him stabbed to death inside the restroom. The third-grader had only been in there a few minutes.

Police said the suspect is white, is believed to be between 15 and 18 years old, has short brown or sandy blond hair and is about 5'3" tall. He was wearing blue jeans and a gray or plaid sweatshirt or shirt.

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Boy's body found in trash bag

Half brother, 21, charged in death of 7-year-old

By Dan Rozek
Staff Reporter

The body of a 7-year-old Northwest Side boy was found stuffed in a garbage bag Saturday and his half brother was charged with the murder, police said.

John Bolum had been sexually assaulted, strangled, wrapped in a plastic bag and dropped out a third-floor window into a garbage-strewn airshaft in the Sheridan Park Apartments where his half brother lived, police said.

John Bolum

Rafael Valderrama

Boy sexually assaulted, strangled

Saturday night, Rafael Valderrama, 21, was charged with first-degree murder in John's death, said Bob Benjamin, spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Sgt. Thomas Sappanos said Valderrama confessed to the slaying, which police believe occurred sometime Friday at Valderrama's apartment in the 4000 block of North Sheridan. Additional charges from the alleged assault of the boy, which police said led to his slaying, are likely to be filed, Sappanos said.

Valderrama had picked up the youngster about 8:30 a.m. Friday, telling family members he planned to take the child to the Lincoln Park Zoo or a museum, Sappanos said. The child's mother, Pauline Bolum, reported the boy missing Friday evening when he didn't return home.

Police went to Valderrama's apartment to question him, then began searching the building after he gave "inconsistent statements," Sappanos said. The boy's body was discovered about 2:30 a.m. at the base of an outdoor air shaft in the center of the apartments.

Apartment desk clerk James Griffin said he saw the child playing outside the Buena Park neighborhood apartment building Friday afternoon.

"We saw him playing football outside with some kids," Griffin said. "That was the last time I saw him."

John Bolum lived with his mother and two older siblings in the Albany Park neighborhood. Neighbors described the boy as a typical 7-year-old who liked to ride his bike and play with neighborhood children.

"He was a nice, quiet kid," said Jose Paredes, who owns and lives in the same building as the Bolums. "He was learning Spanish from my kids. It's a shock—that little boy shouldn't have been killed."

Arrest reported in girl's disappearance

SAGINAW, Texas, (UPI) — Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the abduction of Opal Jennings, a 6-year-old girl who was grabbed in the front yard of her grandparents' home last March in north Texas.

Police in Saginaw, near Fort Worth, said Wednesday they have arrested Richard Lee Franks, 30, and charged him with aggravated kidnapping in the case. He is being held in lieu of a $1.5 million bond. Police say the Jennings girl is still missing.

The abduction in the small town March 26 set off a massive search in the Dallas-Fort Worth area that eventually went nationwide.

Man sentenced 2nd time in '92 murder

By David Southwell
Suburban Reporter

Juan Rivera showed no emotion Thursday as he was sentenced a second time to life in prison for the 1992 murder and rape of an 11-year-old baby-sitter in Waukegan.

Rivera, whose first conviction was overturned, sat stone-faced while Lake County Judge Christopher Starck described the case as one of "uncommon savagery and unspeakable brutality." Holly Staker was stabbed 27 times and then raped.

Rivera, 26, was not eligible for the death penalty because he had been sentenced to life in prison after his first trial. As Starck announced his sentence, Holly's mother shouted "yes," but the family left without making a statement.

Earlier, Rivera turned away when Holly's twin sister took the witness stand.

"I went through depression for three years," Heather Staker said, her voice cracking. "I got so scared I walked around with a knife, checking every room. Since this happened I don't like to walk around not knowing what's behind me. I'm afraid to be alone.

"He should spend his birthdays and holidays in prison and die in prison."

Rivera was first convicted on Nov. 19, 1993, but an appellate court ordered a retrial in 1996.

Rivera was convicted again in October after the lengthiest jury deliberation in Lake County: 36 hours over four days. The original investigation took 30 detectives more than 9,000 hours.

"Twenty-four people have found him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt; he's double-guilty," Assistant State's Attorney Mike Mermel said. "The person who would rape a dying adolescent shows he has no hope of rehabilitation."

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Baby-sitter's killer given life sentence

By Phuong Le
Tribune Staff Writer

Calling it "a case of uncommon savagery and unspeakable brutality," a Lake County judge on Thursday sentenced Juan A. Rivera to life in prison without parole for stabbing 11-year-old Holly Staker in 1992 as she watched two young children in Waukegan.

Seconds after Judge Christopher C. Starck imposed the maximum sentence, Holly's mother, Nancy Kalinoski, let out a cry of relief. "Yes!" she said, hugging her husband, Michael Kalinoski, and Holly's twin, Heather Staker.

Rivera, 26, of Waukegan, sat expressionless as Starck cited his "virtually non-existent" potential for rehabilitation and the cruelty of the Aug. 17, 1992 killing as reasons for the sentence.

Rivera was convicted for the second time in October of raping and stabbing Holly 27 times as she was baby-sitting a 5-year-old boy and 2½-year-old girl in an apartment on Waukegan's north side.

The jury found him guilty of first-degree murder after deliberating for 36 hours over four days, believed to be the longest jury deliberation in Lake County history.

Rivera was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole in 1993, but a state appellate court overturned the decision on technicalities.

At Thursday's sentencing hearing, Heather Staker, 17, told the judge how lonely and depressed she felt after the death of her twin sister, a pretty blonde about to enter the 6th grade.

"I'm alone now," Staker said. "... He is evil. He took half of me away."

Assistant State's Atty. Mike Mermel described Rivera as "a monster" and "remorseless type of human debris."

Rivera could not receive the death penalty in this case because the first jury had ruled it out.

Rivera did not make a statement at his sentencing hearing.

Co-defense lawyer Henry Lazzaro said another appeal would be filed.

12/11/98

No break in Texas child abduction

FORT WORTH, Texas — The FBI says a 55-year-old convicted sex offender questioned about the abduction 12 days ago of 6- year-old Opal Jo Jennings in North Texas is not a suspect.

FBI spokeswoman Marge Poche says today the Fort Worth man who was arrested Tuesday night on a parole violation is "simply another lead that we followed and we questioned."

Poche told reporters that the man is only one of many people who have been questioned since Jennings was abducted March 26 from the front yard of her grandparents' home in Saginaw, near Fort Worth.

She said, "He is no better, no worse than anybody else we've spoken to. We're not ruling him out, we're not ruling anybody out. But at this point, he is no better than any other suspect we have."

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Elk Grove man gets 8 years for child porn

By Matt O'Connor
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

An Elk Grove Village man was sentenced Friday to a little more than 8 years in prison for posting about 150 images of child pornography on the Internet.

At the conclusion of the sentencing, prosecutors moved to drop the most serious charge against Scott Schroeder—that he once engaged in sex with a 15-year-old boy.

Schroeder admitted the sexual act with the minor when he pleaded guilty, but prosecutors had agreed to dismiss the charge as part of a plea deal so that the victim wouldn't have to testify at a trial.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Diane MacArthur disclosed in court Friday that the ordeal caused the victim's family "to fracture" and that the boy, now 17, has moved away from home.

MacArthur also said Schroeder's wrongdoing had affected the boy's level of trust of people.

Schroeder, 23, who has been incarcerated since his arrest in November 1997, apologized Friday to the victim and his family.

In addition to the 97-month prison term, U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber fined Schroeder $12,500 and ordered him to pay restitution of $600 to the victim's family.

Following Schroeder's release from prison, the judge ordered him to register as a sex offender.

During Schroeder's three years of probation, Leinenweber forbade him to have unsupervised contact with anyone under 18, banned him from using the Internet and instructed him to participate in mental health and drug treatment if necessary.

At the suggestion of Schroeder's lawyer, Robert Gevirtz, the judge recommended Schroeder serve part of his prison term in the only federal prison that treats sex offenders, which is located in Butner, N.C.

In his plea agreement, Schroeder acknowledged meeting the 15-year-old boy in a chat room on the Internet in early March 1997.

Though he learned the boy's age, Schroeder exchanged pornographic images with him over the Internet, authorities said.

After communicating frequently by computer for two weeks, Schroeder met the boy twice in suburban shopping malls.

In their third meeting, Schroeder took the boy to his home and showed him photographic images on his computer, authorities said.

The two then went to the boy's home while his parents were away. With a video camera he brought from home, Schroeder took a series of pictures of him and the boy engaging in sex, according to the plea agreement.

Within a month, Schroeder posted some of the images of the sexual encounter on the Internet, MacArthur said.

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Man faces child porn charges

A Northwest Side man who allegedly ran a child pornography computer bulletin board was arrested and charged on Tuesday, Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan said.

Five computers and numerous discs containing thousands of pictures of young girls were found Monday at the home of Michael H. Katz, 38, of the 3400 block of North Olcott, police said.

Katz was charged Tuesday with possession of child pornography and the production and dissemination of child pornography, both felonies.

Sheahan said there is no evidence that Katz distributed pictures of local children.

10/20/98 Sun-Times

Child-porn charges

A 39-year-old Aurora man was in police custody Monday on charges that he distributed child pornography and attempted to meet with what he thought was a 14-year-old boy for a sexual rendezvous. Terry E. Bowen was arrested Friday in Naperville by Naperville police detectives, who had posed as a 14-year-old boy on the Internet and arranged a meeting. He was charged with dissemination of child pornography and attempted aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

MARYLAND

Journalist pleads guilty to child porn

GREENBELT A journalist pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of sending and receiving child pornography over the Internet in order to appeal a ruling that he could not use a 1st Amendment defense, his attorneys said.

Larry Matthews' trial had been scheduled to start Tuesday. He now will be able to present his case at sentencing in December and then appeal the conviction based on his rights as a journalist.

Matthews, 54, a producer for National Public Radio, had planned to argue at his trial that he has a 1st Amendment right to view such materials.

Matthews, a father of four, said he was researching child pornography on the Internet.

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Man gets 4-year sentence in child-porn sting

Internet correspondent was really Naperville cop

By Janan Hanna
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Outfitted in the bright orange garb issued to DuPage County Jail prisoners, Douglas Snyder, once a successful businessman from Tennessee, pleaded guilty Thursday to child pornography charges stemming from an Internet sting operation.

Snyder, who has been in jail since his arrest by Naperville police more than a year ago, pleaded guilty to possessing, disseminating and possessing with the intent to disseminate, pictures of children engaged in sexual acts.

DuPage County Circuit Judge Thomas Callum sentenced Snyder to 4 years in prison, and ordered him to register as a sex offender.

Snyder, 49, was the first person to be arrested through a computer crime task force established by Illinois Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan a year and a half ago. Six other men arrested by the statewide multijurisdictional task force are awaiting trial.

Others have been arrested by different Internet sting operations, including Bruno Gradisca, 50, an Addison man who was sentenced to 3 years in prison earlier this year for possessing child pornography.

Snyder was arrested in Naperville on July 17, 1997, when he arrived at a train station allegedly to meet someone he believed to be a 14-year-old girl he began talking to in an Internet sex chat room three months earlier.

In fact, he was talking to Michael Sullivan, an investigator for the Naperville Police Department. Prosecutors alleged that Snyder's intent was to have sex with the purported minor.

Snyder pleaded guilty to transmitting one picture of a 15-year-old girl engaged in sex with an adult male to Sullivan in May. He also pleaded guilty to possessing four other pictures of children as young as 5 years old engaged in sexual acts.

At the time of his arrest, Snyder was carrying a laptop computer which contained nearly 700 downloaded images of child pornography, and another 1,400 of adult pornography, prosecutors said.

In exchange for his guilty plea on five counts of child pornography, prosecutors dismissed 12 other counts.

In a statement to the judge prior to sentencing Thursday, Snyder described the Internet as a "Pandora's box" and urged officials to attack the problem of child pornography by going after the suppliers.

2/4/98 Sun-Times

Man charged with sending child porn on Net

A convicted child sex offender faces a bond hearing in DuPage County Circuit Court on Friday on charges he sent child pornography via the Internet. Tomas W. Keating, 40, of Naperville, was charged Monday with two counts of child pornography for allegedly storing pornographic images on his home computer and sending pictures over the Internet, authorities said. A tip led police to Keating last week.

2/4/98 Sun-Times

Oswego man faces child porn charges

An Oswego man faces federal child pornography charges after his Naperville employer allegedly found images of naked boys in his computer files at work, officials said. Steven A. Richards, 43, faces a detention hearing today. Federal officials said they plan to ask that Richards, who was convicted in 1981 of molesting a 6-year-old boy in Wheaton, be held without bail. Richards, who was arrested Wednesday, allegedly wrote in a computerized diary that he had molested a nephew and several other boys.

Suburb ex-police chief accused of child pornography

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former police chief from Plainfield was charged with child pornography after Oswego police said they found photographs of local children, videos and books on how to seduce young people.

Richard Stillson, 57, was believed to have molested several boys since the 1970s, police said.

Police said an unnamed Oswego teenager told them Stillson molested him three times in 1994. The accuser was 15 at the time.

The boy also told police he saw Stillson have sex with another teen this year and that Stillson gave alcohol and cigarettes to the teen in exchange for sex, police said.

Stillson was charged with eight counts of possession of child pornography, eight counts of producing child pornography and three counts of sexual abuse.

Authorities confirmed that people have complained about Stillson for years. Neighbors in the Kendall County town of about 3,900 people 44 miles west of Chicago said they long have been concerned about the number of teenage boys driving, biking and walking to Stillson's house. One woman said she contacted authorities 10 years ago.

Others said Stillson was a good neighbor who helped fix cars, pools and appliances.

Stillson became police chief in southwest suburban Plainfield in 1967. Personnel records there were destroyed in a flood last year, and police could not say when he left the department. Most recently, he worked part-time at a local food store and gas station minimart.

Stillson was arrested Feb. 5. Police said they found pornographic photos of young people apparently taken at Stillson's home and believe some of them date to the 1970s.

2/19/97 Sun-Times

Bond denied for man held in porn case

A federal judge ordered an Elk Grove Village man held without bond Wednesday on child pornography charges after prosecutors revealed he admitted having sex with an underage boy.

Scott Schroeder, 21, wept and shook uncontrollably as U.S. Magistrate Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer rejected attempts by his lawyer to have him released to his parents under an electronic monitoring program.

"I feel very sad for you and your family," Pallmeyer said. "I'm doing it because the law requires it.

For much of the 2½-hour detention hearing, Schroeder kept his face buried in his hands.

Schroeder was arrested last week at his parents' home, where he resides, and charged with distributing over the Internet more than 150 images of boys engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

At Wednesday's hearing, Assistant U.S. Atty. Diane MacArthur revealed that in a confession to the FBI Schroeder admitted having sex once with a 15-year-old boy last year.

Schroeder's lawyer said the boy had lied to Schroeder and that Schroeder ended the relationship when he learned he was underage.

1/6/97 Tribune

Convicted child kidnapper charged in child-porn case

By Jeff Coen
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

A convicted child kidnapper who has been out of prison for little more than a year has been arrested by Naperville police and charged with possessing child pornography and distributing it on the Internet.

Investigators said Tomas Keating, 40, of 1543 Pathway Drive, Naperville, turned himself in to police Sunday to face two felony counts of child pornography.

Naperville Police Sgt. Mark Carlson said a consensual search of Keating's home led to the charges. Police said they seized computer equipment from the residence and that they retrieved pornographic images from its memory.

Keating, who was registered with police as a sex offender, was charged with one felony count of possession of child pornography and a Class I felony count of distribution of such material, a non-probationable charge. If convicted, Keating could face a minimum prison sentence of 4 years, with a maximum sentence of 15 years.

DuPage Judge Cary Pierce ordered Keating held without bond until another bond hearing on Friday, when the attorney general's office is expected to request the no-bond order be continued.

Keating's background includes an arrest for child abduction May 20, 1994. He was convicted and sentenced to 6 years for the crime. He was released Dec. 10, 1996, Carlson said.

2/3/98 Tribune

WILMETTE

Evaluation ordered for teacher held on child porn charges

A federal judge on Thursday refused to free from custody a veteran Wilmette Junior High School teacher who is charged with child pornography and ordered him to undergo a psychiatric evaluation at a prison hospital.

Last week, a magistrate agreed to let David C. Allen be released under strict bond conditions, but the government appealed that decision to U.S. District Judge James Alesia. On Thursday, Alesia found Allen a danger and a flight risk and recommended he be sent to a federal hospital in Rochester, Minn., for psychiatric treatment while he awaits trial.

Allen, a substitute teacher who taught full time for 27 years in Wilmette, was arrested Oct. 16 after authorities recovered numerous examples of child pornography in his Northbrook home.

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METRO

Round Lake Beach man nabbed in child pornography mail sting

By Michael Gillis
Federal Court Reporter

A Round Lake Beach man allegedly caught in a sting set up by postal inspectors was charged Wednesday with receiving child pornography through the mail.

Jean Cole, 67, allegedly responded to an advertisement placed in 1996 by a postal inspector to identify people attempting to obtain or manufacture child pornography, states an affidavit filed by the inspector, Robert A. Williams.

A man later identified as Cole allegedly ordered tapes, which he received in May. Cole allegedly expressed his interest in child pornography. The inspector, posing as the seller, told him what he was selling was illegal.

Cole allegedly placed another order on Aug. 13 and was mailed two tapes containing child pornography, according to the affidavit.

Federal agents watched Cole pick up the tapes at his post office box on Tuesday, followed him home and arrested him.

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Lake County man faces charge in pornography sting

A Round Lake Beach man was charged in federal court Wednesday with allegedly receiving videotapes of minors engaged in sexually explicit activity.

Jean Cole, 67, of 2039 Westview Ln., was arrested Tuesday after the videotapes had been mailed to him as part of an undercover sting operation run by U.S. postal inspectors, authorities said.

The investigation began in January when Cole responded to an undercover advertisement in a regional swingers magazine, intended to be an enticement to those interested in obtaining child pornography.

Former Wheaton teacher is sentenced in child porn

A former high school teacher in Wheaton was sentenced to three months of home confinement Thursday for a federal child-pornography conviction.

Mark Lewis of Wheaton had earlier pleaded guilty to swapping a videotape of minors engaged in sex to a contact who turned out to be an undercover U.S. postal inspector.

U.S. District Judge Suzanne Conlon also imposed 3 years of probation and fined Lewis $3,000.

He could have received as much as 18 months in prison, but Assistant U.S. Atty. Diane MacArthur said he had given substantial cooperation. Conlon also indicated she took into consideration that Lewis had undergone therapy.

Lewis, 35, lost his job as an instructional aide at Wheaton North High School after he was charged because his bond required no unsupervised contact with minors.

Lewis had previously worked for eight years at Wheaton College.

Tribune 9/27/96

Du Page trial OKd in child porn case

By Michael Briggs
Washington Bureau / Chicago Sun-Times

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that prosecutors can try a Du Page County couple charged with possession of child pornography.

The justices let stand the Illinois Supreme Court's reinstatement of charges that a trial judge had dismissed against John and Charlene Geever of Bartlett, Ill.

The Geevers are charged with violating a 1985 state child pornography law that forbids posession of pictures of children under 18 years engaged in sex acts.

They also are accused in a 19-count indictment of indecent liberties, soliciting and other crimes, but those charges were set aside while courts debated whether the Illinois statute against posession of pictures of children in sexual poses was constitutional.

The Supreme Court order did not resolve that issue. But it cleared the way for trial on charges that still could be under constitutional attack if the Geevers are found guilty.

The Geevers' attorney, Jeffrey B. Fawell, urged the Supreme Court to review the Illinois statute before the couple is tried.

"The issue is whether a state may, consistent with the First Amendment, censor an individual from merely looking at and possessing within one's own home library those same materials it may validly regulate the dissemination or public exhibition of," Fawell said in a Supreme Court petition.

The Geevers' attorney also argued that greater censorship could result if the Illinois statute against posession of pornography is allowed to stand.

"To uphold such a statute would start the courts on a dangerous course," he argued. "Once censorship of what a person may look at or read while home alone in the privacy of his own library is accepted, then the validity of such censorship will be the premise for the next legislative enactment."

Illinois Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan told the court that the 1985 state law is constitutional, but he argued that justices need not resolve that issue before the Geevers are tried.

The Illinois Supreme Court had said the purpose of the law "is not to limit the individual's freedom of thought and mind in his own home, nor is its purpose to regulate the moral content of the depictions described. . . . The purpose is to prevent the sexual abuse and exploitation of children by drying up the market for child pornography."

The U.S. high court let that ruling stand in a brief order that dismissed the appeal by the Geevers "for want of jurisdiction."

Justices William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens said the court should have reviewed the ruling. Those votes were one short of the four needed to take up a case on appeal.

The Supreme Court on Monday also:

- Refused to let William Hohri of Chicago and other Japanese Americans press a class-action suit against the federal government, which put them in internment camps after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II. The suit was filed in 1983 by survivors of the camps.
- Declined to disturb lower court rulings against Ronald and Mary Ann Lachman, who sued the Illinois State Board of Education and Maine East School District 63 in an attempt to have their deaf son, Benjamin, enrolled in a regular public school kindergarten class instead of being bused 40 minutes from home to a special education program. The Lachmans wanted the school district to assign an interpreter to help their son read his teacher's and classmates' lips in a "mainstream" school setting, but school officials instead assigned the boy to a special school.
- Left intact regulations adopted by the Federal Communications Commission last year on so-called "dial-a-porn" services.

CHICAGO

Man facing child pornography charge

A Northwest Side Chicago man who coached baseball and was a PTA member was arrested Tuesday on a child pornography charge.

Michael Katz, 38, of the 3400 block of North Olcott Avenue, was charged with reproduction and dissemination of child pornography, according to Bill Cunningham, a spokesman for the Cook County sheriff.

Katz coached a Hiawatha Park baseball team, according to Cunningham.

Investigators said Katz, who lives with his wife and two children, ran a child pornography site on the Internet that featured images of children engaged in sex acts.

8/26/98 Tribune

Calls stir hope in parents of missing girl

By Andrew Fegelman
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Tribune 6/17/97

After more than two months of dashed hopes and dead-end leads, a couple of brief phone calls offered some hope this week to Laura Von Huben that she would finally find her missing daughter.

Those calls, however, may have only stirred an already anxious mother, leaving her with the uncertainty of whether the calls were an attempt by her daughter to reach out to her or part of someone's cruel joke.

Von Huben, who lives in Woodstock, believes the voice on the other end of the phone Wednesday evening was that of her 16-year-old daughter, Wendy, whose disappearance in February has developed into both a missing person and a homicide investigation.

"If it was truly her, it was a blessing to hear from her," Von Huben said Friday.

William Von Huben, Wendy's father, has doubts that the caller was his daughter.

Woodstock Police Chief Joseph Marvin is also skeptical, though a detective traveled Thursday to Kankakee, where the calls purportedly originated from a gas station, to try to determine whether anyone had actually seen the teenager.

"We have nothing that confirms that was Wendy that called," said Marvin.

Wendy Von Huben was reported missing by her parents on Feb. 23 after she left Woodstock with her boyfriend of three months, Jesse Lee Howell.

Nearly a month later, on March 19, the teenager phoned her parents from Florida, asking for money to buy a bus ticket home. Her father wired her $200, which she retrieved from a Western Union office in Bradenton.

Five days later, Howell's body was found along railroad tracks in a rural area about 80 miles northwest of Orlando. He had been severely beaten.

Free-lance reporter Dave Barnes contributed to this article.

AP photo

Searching for missing child: Billy Gassett of the U.S. Navy wades into the muddy bottom of a drained pond in Manassas, Va., on Wednesday, looking for Karynne Sheldon, 2. She disappeared Monday from her mother's workplace in Manassas.

Tribune 10/23/96

METRO

Cops say mom's boyfriend, accomplice killed 6-year-old

BY ART GOLAB
STAFF REPORTER

A 6-year-old Indiana girl was sexually abused and murdered by her mother's boyfriend and another man, police in the town of Lake Station said Sunday.

Joseph Gorbea Jr., 19, confessed to the crime and implicated a 20-year-old accomplice, investigators said. Both were being held Sunday, and formal murder charges were expected today.

Police said the pair dumped the girl's body in a river to cover up the sexual assault.

The girl, Alecia Rodriguez, lived in Lake Station, about 8 miles southeast of Gary. She was reported missing Saturday night by Gorbea, who had been baby-sitting for her and three other children.

Gorbea first told police he was planning to take the girl to the store, but changed his plans and sent her home, only to find out later that she never made it there, police said.

But under further questioning, Gorbea admitted assaulting and killing the child with an accomplice, police said. He led police to a bridge over Deep River, where divers found the body in 10 feet of water about 4 a.m. Sunday.

BELGIUM

Police stage large-scale raids on child porn

BRUSSELS—Belgian police searching for pedophile pornography raided 60 homes and other establishments around the country in a coordinated operation Thursday, a Brussels Court spokesman said.

"Based on a list of addresses we received from France and another from Great Britain we carried out searches at 60 or so places today," spokesman Josef Colpin said. He said 20 of the searches were at addresses in and around Brussels, with the remainder scattered throughout the country.

Belgium has been in turmoil since mid-August when two girls were rescued from a dungeon in the home of a convicted rapist. The case prompted widespread criticism of police. W615

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ND STATE

Man held in pornography sting

Tennessean charged in case of fictional 15-year-old girl

By Ted Gregory
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

About two years ago, Naperville Police Chief David Dial and his charges started dabbling in the Internet. They wanted to develop skills to clamp down on high-tech fraud and related white-collar crimes being perpetrated on-line.

Instead, Naperville's new unit quickly encountered what Dial called a surprising amount of child pornography being purveyed over the Net.

On Monday, authorities announced the latest arrest in the effort to deter the proliferation of child pornography through computer communication. It was the fourth such case that has surfaced since February.

A 46-year-old Brentwood, Tenn., man was being held in DuPage County Jail after his arrest Sunday afternoon, when he allegedly showed up to meet a 15-year-old Naperville girl at the commuter train station on Illinois Highway 59.

The problem for Douglas C. Snyder was that the 15-year-old girl was no girl. He was met instead by a 43-year-old man who happens to be Naperville's lead Internet investigator, Michael Sullivan, and who had posed on-line as the imaginary child.

Snyder, who described himself to authorities as a self-employed computer consultant, is charged with disseminating child pornography. If he is convicted, state law requires a prison term of from 4 to 15 years.

DuPage County Judge Cary Pierce set Snyder's bond at $150,000 Monday morning and prohibited him from leaving the state if he paid the required 10 percent in cash. Snyder, a married father of two, declined to comment Monday.

Authorities alleged that Snyder first contacted Sullivan, who had posted an Internet profile as a 15-year-old girl, on April 29 while both were using the America Online computer service. Over the next 10 weeks, according to Illinois Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan's office, Snyder spoke on the phone with another undercover agent who pretended to be the 15-year-old girl, and he also communicated with Sullivan on-line, authorities said.

On May 29, Snyder transmitted 14 photos via computer, two of which depict children engaging in sexually explicit conduct. He also repeatedly sought to meet the 15-year-old girl, authorities said.

At Monday's bond hearing, Snyder said he had come to the Chicago area to meet a client.

When he was arrested, Snyder had two photos of a naked girl in sexually explicit poses, sources said.

Police are reviewing credit card bills, computer equipment and computer disks found in Snyder's Tennessee home.

Snyder's case is the first prosecution stemming from Ryan's new Child Exploitation Unit, formed in June. The unit monitors the Internet for child sexual exploitation.

It is the second DuPage County child pornography case involving the Internet this year.

In February, police arrested Bruno Gradisca, 50, an Addison man who trains soccer referees for area youth leagues, and charged him with possessing and disseminating five explicit digital photos of child pornography.

The person to whom Gradisca allegedly distributed the material: Naperville investigator Sullivan. That time, he had posed on the Internet as a 14-year-old girl.

In addition to that case, on June 27 a jury convicted Richard Romero, 38, of St. Petersburg, Fla., of obstructing justice for telling a 15-year-old boy with whom he lived to dispose of child pornography and other incriminating items while Romero was detained at a Louisville jail.

But the jury acquitted Romero on one count of traveling over state lines with a minor for sexual purposes. On that charge it was alleged that he had traveled to Chicago to engage in sex with a 13-year-old Mt. Prospect boy.

TEXAS

Transient held in slayings of 2 girls

DEL RIO—A rail-riding transient has been charged with murdering two 13-year-old girls in Texas and Kentucky, authorities said Tuesday.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, was arrested Sunday in the stabbing death of Kaylene Harris, 13, and the slashing of 10-year-old Krystal Surles, who survived.

The two girls were sleeping at the home of Kaylene's mother near Del Rio when Sells allegedly broke in Friday night and attacked them with a knife.

Krystal, who was in stable condition with severed vocal cords, helped authorities find Sells by writing a description of her attacker. Sells, an acquaintance of Kaylene's father, had visited the home several times, authorities said.

During questioning by investigators, Sells confessed to the slaying last May of Haley McHone, 13, of Lexington, Ky., police said.

Sells was charged Monday with murder, rape and kidnapping in her death.

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Man charged, but girl still missing

Search continues near river for 10-year-old taken on Tuesday.

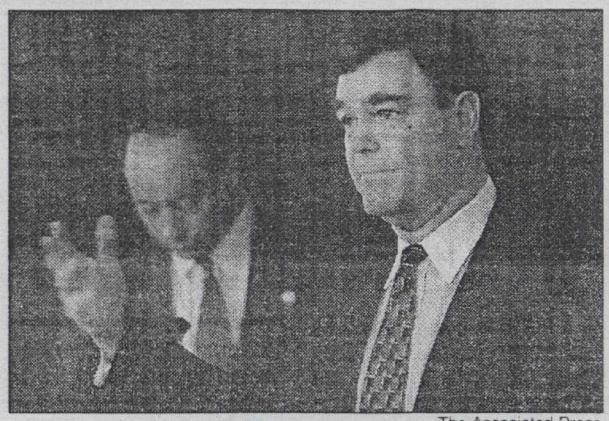
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Police on Thursday found and charged a man they were looking for in the disappearance of a 10-year-old girl. The girl was still missing, and authorities were conducting an "exhaustive search" of an area along the Kansas River, where the man was spotted.

Federal authorities charged Keith B. Nelson, 24, with abducting Pamela Butler, who was last seen skating in her neighborhood Tuesday night.

"I would say that today, we're no closer to finding Pamela than yesterday," FBI Special Agent Larry McCormick said at a news conference.

Crews were using boats, helicopters and dogs in their search. They also said they were going to re-examine areas they had previously searched, including Grain Valley and Lee's Summit, Mo.



The Associated Press

FBI special agent Larry McCormick (right) answers questions along with U.S. Attorney Steve Hill during a news conference in Kansas City, Kan., Thursday.

A woman who had just finished her lunch break spotted Nelson lying on his back near the river. She had been visiting her husband, who worked at a nearby rail yard. She told workers, who called police and grabbed Nelson as he tried to jump in the river to swim away, McCormick said.

Nelson was taken to the University Of Kansas Medical Center with knee and ankle injuries, McCormick said. It was not known how he was injured or how long he was at the river.

"He's getting medical attention, and I still don't have my daughter. I don't think he should get medical attention until he tells us where she's at," said Pamela's mother, Cherri West.

McCormick, who said there were no other suspects, would not comment on whether Nelson said anything to police. FBI agents were interviewing him at the medical center.

According to an affidavit released by FBI Special Agent Thomas R. Crawford, Nelson hired a man named James Jay Shannon Robinson on Sept. 29, asking if he wanted to make $9 an hour doing construction cleaning. They left in a white Ford truck, which Nelson said belonged to his boss.

They drove to a job site in Grandview, Mo., where Nelson told Robinson that he "would like to kidnap a girl to rape, torture, electrocute, kill and bury," the affidavit said.

Authorities had been searching for Nelson since Tuesday night.

Pamela was skating about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday when her 11-year-old sister, Penny, said she saw a man get out of a white pickup, grab Pamela around the waist, and throw her into the cab.

"I started screaming, and so did she," said Penny, who was on the front porch of her home at the time. She yelled for an older sister to call police.

Others who saw the incident reported a license number after they tried to chase the truck, but couldn't keep up.

Kidnapper faces death

By Ben Fox

SAN DIEGO—A jury decided Monday that David Westerfield should die for killing 7-year-old neighbor Danielle van Dam, the little girl who vanished from her bedroom in the first of a string of high-profile child abductions across the country this year.

Westerfield, a 50-year-old engineer, shook slightly and blinked rapidly as the verdict was read. He had faced either execution or life in prison without parole for killing Danielle in February.

Superior Court Judge William Mudd can impose the death penalty only if the jury unanimously recommends it, and he also has the option of reducing the sentence to life without parole. Westerfield was also convicted of possessing child pornography.

Danielle was last seen Feb. 1, when her father put her to bed in her second-story bedroom. Her body was found nearly a month later along a road outside the city.

AP

Sex acts with 100 children hinted

By Susy Schultz and Phillip J. O'Connor

A 68-year-old grandfather, charged with raping a 16-year-old girl at gunpoint, may have been selling photos of up to 100 children engaging in sex acts with him, Lake County, Ind., investigators said yesterday.

Fifty to 100 children are shown in the photos and investigators are seeking to identify them in order to file additional charges against Steven Toth, of 2530 37th, Lake Station, Ind.

Steven Toth

Two girls in the photos appear to be about 3 years old and others range into the teens, said Prosecutor Jack F. Crawford. In some cases, the youngsters' faces are not visible.

Three address books listing the names of more than 150 people were seized at Toth's home when he was arrested Tuesday on the rape charge, Crawford said.

Also seized were 300 photos of children engaging in sex acts—nearly all with Toth—and photos of from 15 to 20 different adults engaging in sex acts with the retired steelworker, Crawford said.

Investigators also seized 30 one-hour audio cassettes on which Toth engaged in conversation with some of the children.

Several items of girls' underclothing also were found in the home, along with cameras equipped with timers that Toth apparently set up before engaging in sex acts, investigators said.

Also seized were negatives and sex magazines.

Crawford said investigators suspect most of the children in the photos are from Gary's Glen Park neighborhood, where Toth owned two homes.

The confiscated photos were believed to have been taken during the last three years, Crawford said.

Crawford called it "one of the most serious cases of child molestation in the history of our county."

Metropolitan report 7/11/00 Tribune

BACK OF THE YARDS

14-year-old girl found dead was beaten and strangled

A 14-year-old girl found dead over the weekend in a South Side apartment was a victim of strangulation and blunt trauma, the Cook County medical examiner's office said Monday.

The body of the girl, identified by the medical examiner's office as Sonja Garcia, was discovered at 5:45 a.m. Sunday by a neighbor who went to the apartment to wake her, Chicago police Sgt. William Kelly said.

Other neighbors told police they heard what sounded like a domestic disturbance overnight in the girl's apartment in the 4700 block of South Throop Street.

The teenager had lived in the apartment for less than a week with a man who was not related to her, Kelly said.

Detectives were attempting to locate the man Monday. Authorities also were attempting to find the girl's parents. No one was in custody.

METRO

Watchful CTA driver aids girl; police arrest sex offender

BY GARY WISBY
STAFF REPORTER

An alert CTA bus driver and some observant kids added up to the arrest of a registered sex offender, police said Tuesday.

Mark Sublett, 31, of the 4400 block of North Dover, was ordered held on a $300,000 bond after his arrest Monday. He is charged with trying to pick up two boys, ages 8 and 10, and a 10-year-old girl on three separate occasions last month on the North Side.

All of them ran away when he tried to coax them into his car, police Cmdr. William Hayes said. The girl, on her way home from school in the 1300 block of West Montrose on March 22, got some help from a CTA bus driver.

When the driver saw the girl run away from the suspect, the CTA employee asked the girl what was wrong. She said the man had offered her money and said, "Get in my car."

Before the alleged offender could drive off, the bus driver jotted down the license plate number, which led to Sublett's arrest.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sting on child-porn e-mail group nets 86

WASHINGTON — Federal law-enforcement authorities have broken up a computer-based pornography ring that targeted children, Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft said.

Announcing "Operation Candyman," Ashcroft said Monday that over 80 people have been arrested in the operation and said more will be.

"As its name implies, the 'Operation Candyman' e-group had a single purpose in mind as well: to exploit and degrade children," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft revealed that the sting operation had begun in January 2001 and that it continues.

"In the past 14 months," he said, "all 56 national FBI field offices investigated hundreds of individuals who were subscribers to the 'Candyman' e-mail group." Ashcroft said among those caught were police officers, members of the clergy and a bus driver.

He said that the FBI had arrested 86 people on child pornography grounds and that 27 members of the e-mail group have been arrested and admitted to molesting 36 children.

3/19/2 Tribune

K.C. man charged in 10-year-old girl's death

Keith D. Nelson allegedly fatally abused Pamela Butler after kidnapping her.

The Associated Press

Nelson

Butler

KANSAS CITY — Keith D. Nelson was indicted Thursday on two federal counts that allege he kidnapped and sexually abused 10-year-old Pamela Butler in a way that caused her death.

U.S. Attorney Steve Hill has asked Attorney General Janet Reno to approve seeking the death penalty against Nelson.

A federal grand jury charged Nelson, 24, of Kansas City, with aggravated kidnapping resulting in death and interstate travel to commit aggravated sexual abuse of a child resulting in death.

Pamela was abducted Oct. 12 while skating in front of her Kansas City, Kan., home.

Nelson is not technically charged with murder, but Hill said "for all practical purposes, this is a kidnapping and homicide case."

Nelson appeared in federal court Thursday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Sarah Hays shortly after the indictments were announced. The judge found enough evidence to detain him and agreed to appoint two defense attorneys for him.

Nelson did not speak during the hearing.

Hill would not say what he expected Reno to decide on the death penalty request, but he did note that the attorney general has approved all four other requests his office has made seeking the death penalty.

Law enforcement officers met with Cherri West, Pamela's mother, to discuss the case and the death penalty, Hill said.

"We talked to her about what she thinks should happen," he said, adding "it was a very good meeting."

Hill and Jackson County Prosecutor Bob Beaird said, hypothetically, the county could file a murder charge against Nelson and seek the death penalty if Nelson isn't sentenced to death on the federal level. But Beaird said he didn't anticipate that happening.

The indictment says that on or about Oct. 12, Nelson willfully took Pamela from Wyandotte County, Kan., to Grain Valley "for the purpose of sexual abuse ... resulting in the death of the victim, Pamela Butler."

A second count said Nelson engaged in a sexual act with the girl, "conduct that resulted in Pamela Butler's death."

Hill and Larry McCormick, the FBI's special agent in charge for Kansas City, declined to discuss evidence gathered against Nelson.

When asked whether a second suspect is involved in the case, Hill explained that the FBI is not allowed to discuss possible suspects unless there is a possible public danger.

A neighbor reported seeing Nelson with a second man the night Pamela was abducted.

McCormick would say only that the investigation is continuing but "right now I would not say there is a public safety issue."

Hill also said he would vigorously oppose any requests by Nelson's defense attorney to move the case out of the Kansas City area. He said several cases in the past have received as much publicity "and all have remained here."

news

500 years for child pornographer

9/5/98 Dateline

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, (UPI) — A 50-year-old child pornographer from Flour Bluff, near Corpus Christi, is beginning a nearly 500-year prison sentence after suddenly deciding to admit to molesting five girls.

Former real estate agent Jeffrey Orr was sentenced Wednesday after pleading guilty to almost 200 separate counts. Among them were four counts of aggravated sexual assault and 150 counts of possession of child pornography.

Jurors were sent home for the day Wednesday when Orr indicated to his attorney, Juan Gonzalez, that he wanted to plead guilty.

Orr's change of heart came one day after some jurors became visibly upset when they were forced to view 20 minutes of a pornographic tape he made involving two 10-year-old girls.

An agreement was reached in which Orr would serve two consecutive life sentences on two of the aggravated sexual assault of a child charges, after which State District Judge Robert Blackmon would decide the rest of the sentences.

Once Blackmon heard the rest of the evidence, he added two more back- to-back life sentences on aggravated sexual assault of a child charges. He then added 15- and 5-year sentences for the rest of the charges, which included indecency with a child and possession of child pornography charges.

Orr was silent after the sentences were read.

5/5/99

North Side man gets life sentence for killing his 7-year-old brother

By James Hill
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

A North Side man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole Monday by a Cook County Criminal Court judge for the brutal 1997 rape and mutilation murder of his 7-year-old brother.

Rafael Valderrama, 21, fought back tears as he apologized to his mother and "the others he had hurt" before Associate Judge Edward M. Fiala Jr. pronounced sentence.

"I realize that what I did was wrong," Valderrama said. "The crime I committed may have been sadistic, but it was the way I was living, the things I had seen growing up, that caused me to do such a thing."

Public defenders Frank Madea and Diana Bidawid had called a psychologist and a psychiatrist to the stand during the sentencing hearing Monday to save Valderrama from the death penalty.

Prosecutor Frank Marek said, "This is not someone who is mentally ill. What Mr. Valderrama is, is a person driven by perverse impulses. A person we can truly call a modern-day kink."

Marek characterized the murder as "probably the most horrific crime I've ever seen."

According to Valderrama's 24-page confession, he was at home on Jan. 4, 1997, watching movies with his brother when he became angry. Valderrama took a bandana and attempted "for almost an hour" to strangle him.

AP

Pamela: She had been roller skating with her sister.

Abducted girl's body found; man held

Victim, 10, seized near Kansas home

GRAIN VALLEY, Mo. (AP) — The nude body of a 10-year-old Kansas girl was found in a rural area yesterday, three days after she was abducted in front of her home while roller skating with her sister, her parents said.

The FBI refused to disclose how Pamela Butler died and said it does not know whether she had been sexually assaulted.

A suspect, Keith B. Nelson, 24, was captured Thursday after a manhunt in Kansas City, Kan., where the girl lived. He was charged with kidnapping.

In court papers, the FBI quoted a co-worker of Mr. Nelson as saying that Mr. Nelson told him two weeks ago that he "would like to kidnap a girl to rape, torture, electrocute, kill, and bury."

FBI agent Monte Strait confirmed that the body and some clothing found separately matched the fifth-grader's description. The body was not buried but was covered with sticks.

More than 100 officers had searched a field and woods in Grain Valley, about 25 miles from the girl's home. The body was found near a church where a pickup truck believed to have been used in the kidnapping was reportedly seen a few hours after Pamela disappeared Tuesday.

"They found her. That's all I can say," Pamela's father, Paul Butler, said outside her home.

Pamela was skating Tuesday evening when her 11-year-old sister, Penny, saw a man get out of a white pickup, grab Pamela around the waist, and throw her into the cab.

"I started screaming, and so did she," said Penny, who was on her front porch at the time. She yelled for an older sister to call police.

Witnesses reported a license number after they chased the truck but couldn't keep up.

The truck was registered to a company formerly owned by David Cunningham, Mr. Nelson's boss. Mr. Cunningham said Mr. Nelson had been driving the truck for two weeks, the FBI said.

Mr. Nelson was captured after he was seen near the Kansas River. Police said he tried to swim away as officers approached.

While authorities searched for Pamela, classmates decorated her home with cards made out of construction paper and gave teddy bears.

Pamela's mother, Cherri West, had appealed to the kidnapper to give back her daughter.

"For someone to come here and do this, it's just not right," she said. "She was just a little girl, she had a whole life ahead."

Mr. Nelson underwent surgery yesterday for injuries to his knee and leg suffered in a fall, the FBI said. He is in fair condition.

3/7-14/01 Time out

Abusive theatre

Is paedophilia the theatre's last taboo? 'Ecstasy + Grace', by award-winning James Martin Charlton, promises to enter the mind of a child abuser. The play arrives at the Finborough this week amid newspaper articles predicting moral panic, after its leading actor pulled out because 'he found it too uncomfortable', according to director Stephen Henry. A 13-year-old boy, meanwhile, stars as the victim of abuse – cue still more media agitation. The experience isn't new to Henry: two years ago, he staged the notorious 'gay Jesus' play, 'Corpus Christi'. A tabloid rumpus raged, obscuring the play's mediocrity. This time it's different. 'This play goes very close to the bone', says Henry, 'but its justification is clear. This is a highly intelligent approach'. *See Fringe listings*

NEW JERSEY

5/29/97 Tribune

Jury to deliberate in Megan's Law case

TRENTON—Final arguments ended Wednesday in the Megan Kanka murder trial with the prosecution describing the defendant as a calculating killer and the defense saying he took the blame for an accidental slaying.

Jesse Timmendequas, charged in the July 29, 1994, murder that inspired Megan's Law, sat expressionless as prosecutor Kathryn Flicker described in ghastly detail how he lured the 7-year-old girl into his home, raped and strangled her and later dumped her body "like so much garbage" in a local park.

The crime sparked a public outcry because the girl's parents had not known that Timmendequas was a sex offender twice convicted in assaults involving girls aged 7 and 5.

Megan's Law, passed in several states, was the result of the family's campaigning.

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Child porn charges

A 46-year-old dispatcher for a Crestwood bus company that services 30 suburban special-education schools was charged in federal court Thursday with possession of child pornography. Joseph J. Graaman of Blue Island is the third Chicago area resident nabbed in "Operation Candyman," an ongoing nationwide crackdown on Internet child pornography. Authorities said he admitted he is a frequent visitor to the child porn Web site "candyman" and has downloaded more than 1,000 child porn images since January 2001. Graaman has been placed on leave of absence from Alpha School Bus Co. in Crestwood, where he has worked as a dispatcher since 1997, company officials said.

Child murderer gets two life terms

Thirty year police hunt for the killer of two schoolfriends ends after paedophile's confession

Julia Hartley-Brewer

A paedophile was branded "wicked and perverted" by an Old Bailey judge yesterday after he pleaded guilty to the "Babes in the Wood" murders of two young children 30 years ago.

Ronald Jebson, 61, was given two life sentences for the murders of Susan Blatchford, 11, and her schoolfriend Gary Hanlon, 12, in March 1970.

His confession brings to an end a 30 year police investigation involving more than 600 officers who interviewed 14,272 people and searched 4,356 houses and 5,000 acres of woodland.

Jebson, who is already serving a life sentence for raping and strangling to death an eight-year-old girl in 1974, claimed he did not want to die with the two murders on his conscience.

But Detective Chief Inspector Declan Donnelly, who headed the recently reopened murder investigation, described Jebson as a "highly dangerous, fixated, sadistic paedophile" who would kill again if released. He said that Jebson may also have been involved in other unsolved crimes.

The widowed mothers of both children, Beryl Hanlon, 66, and Muriel Blatchford, 79, wept as they heard about their children's last hours, during which they were plied with alcohol, raped and sexually assaulted before being strangled.

Despite a nationwide police search for the children, their decomposed bodies were not discovered for 11 weeks in a small copse on the fringes of Epping Forest.

The causes of death could not be established and the coroner recorded an open verdict. The case was not reopened until 1996 when Jebson first admitted involvement.

He eventually made a full confession in August 1998, leading to the exhumation of Susan's body for a second post-mortem examination.

Sentencing Jebson, Judge David Stokes told him: "Thirty years ago you abducted, sexually assaulted and brutally murdered two young children.

"What they went through before they died does not bear thinking about. The only point on your behalf is that you finally owned up to what you did which caused a small degree of comfort to their close relatives who are here to see justice done.

"You are a truly wicked and perverted man."

Now white-haired with a pony-tail and beard, Jebson showed no emotion as he was led back to the cells, flanked by three guards.

The families of the two children described Jebson as a "monster" and pleaded with the home secretary, Jack Straw, to leave him to die in prison so no more children would be at risk from him.

Jebson, who has 11 previous convictions including three for sexual offences against youngsters, admitted to prison psychologists that he was "evil" and was especially dangerous to children, saying: "If I get a few drinks and poppers, nothing would stop me."

METRO

Ex-caseworker held in abuse of 3 teens

Big Brothers aide charged with collecting child porn

By Steve Warmbir
Staff Reporter

A former caseworker with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Chicago is accused of preying on three teenage boys and having collected a vast store of child pornography off the Internet, some of which he apparently got from the infamous "Candyman" Web site, authorities said Thursday.

The arrest of Philip Kaszynski, 35, of Justice, comes as part of an international crackdown aimed at shattering an Internet child-pornography ring in which pedophiles across the globe traded kiddie porn.

Among the nearly 100 arrested so far are two Catholic priests and a school bus driver, according to published reports.

For now, Kaszynski is charged only with having child pornography, but he allegedly confessed to having three teen boys at his house, where each performed a sex act on himself in front of Kaszynski at different times within the last year, authorities said.

At least one of the teens, who ranged in age from 12 to 16, met Kaszynski at Big Brothers Big Sisters, authorities said. It's unclear where he met the other boys.

Justice police plan to interview the teens and are investigating other child-molesting incidents, authorities said.

Kaszynski resigned from his job at Big Brothers Big Sisters on Monday, and the agency, which matches up adult mentors with children, has launched an internal investigation, said Susan McGee, the group's chief operating officer.

McGee refused to say how long Kaszynski worked for the group or what the agency was doing to help any alleged victims.

As a caseworker, he had regular contact with children, authorities said.

McGee defended the group's screening process, which includes a background check and an interview. Authorities said Kaszynski did not have a criminal record.

"We feel we have a very strong screening process," McGee said. "It took the FBI to uncover this."

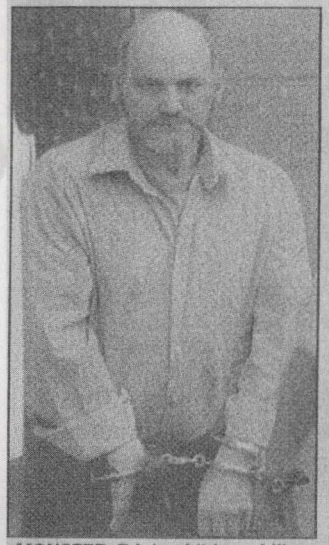
Authorities linked the case worker to the child porn site by noticing that someone with Kaszynski's e-mail address had logged on repeatedly to the "Candyman" Web site, based in Texas, which was shut down in early 2001, according to an FBI affidavit by Special Agent Eileen Schmidt.

The agent visited Kaszynski earlier this week at his home, and he admitted to trading child porn on the Internet since 1997, authorities said.

He also allegedly admitted to videotaping one of the boys performing a sex act and storing it on his computer.

Kaszynski is being held without bond and is expected to have a detention hearing next week. Federal prosecutors are seeking to have him locked up without bond because he is a danger to the community, authorities say.

Child killer's 'confession' over papergirl



MONSTER: Triple child sex killer Robert Black tried to do a deal

ONE of Britain's most notorious child sex killers has indicated that he murdered papergirl Genette Tate 23 years ago.

Evil Robert Black, who is serving 35 years for the torture and murder of three little girls, tried to make a deal for an easier life in prison in return for information.

But he clammed up when police went to interview him at high-security Wakefield jail, West Yorkshire.

Scots-born Black, 54, had implied to another inmate, serving ten years for robbery, that he knew what had happened to 14-year-old Genette.

She vanished in 1978 while delivering newspapers near her home in Aylesbeare, Devon.

The inmate tried to cultivate a relationship with Black, suspected of at least six unsolved murders, to get information because he had seen the suffering of friends whose daughter was the victim of another paedophile.

He telephoned Beverley Ward, the aunt of nine-year-old Kayleigh Ward, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in 1996 in Chester.

By **Paul Henderson**

She said: 'He told me he was on the same landing as Robert Black. He was saying: "Black wants to talk. I think he wants to confess."

'I wanted to help to stop the suffering of Genette Tate's family.'

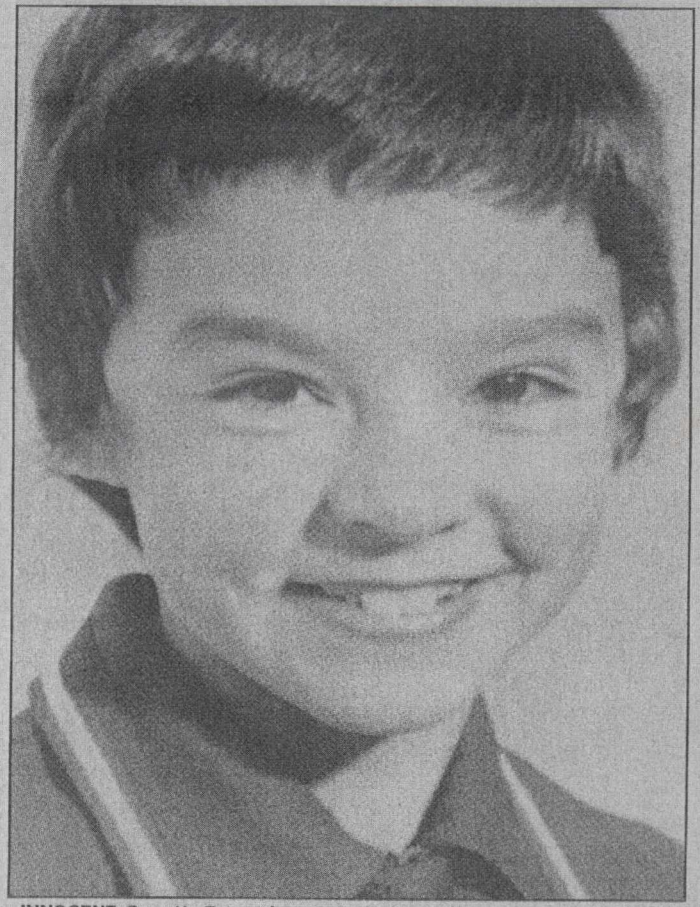
Mother-of-three Mrs Ward, of Chester, contacted Detective Chief Inspector Ken Lee of Cheshire police, who arranged an interview with Black.

A Mail on Sunday investigation has uncovered that there were discussions about giving Black immunity for Genette's killing, transferring him to the medical wing of a Scottish jail and changing his name.

Mr Lee, now retired, said last week: 'Out of conversations Black was suggesting he was responsible for Genette Tate's murder. But as far as I can recall he did not make a direct admission.

'Once around the table Black was saying: "I haven't done it. I don't know what you are talking about".'

Black was convicted in 1994 of murdering Susan Maxwell, 11, of Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland, Sarah Harper, ten, of Leeds, and Caroline Hogg, five, of Portobello, near Edinburgh.



INNOCENT: Genette Tate, who went missing on her paper round in 1978

Last night Genette's father John Tate, 59, who split from her mother Sheila Cook, said: 'In the light of this the police should go back to Robert Black again and maybe offer him something to get a confession to end our nightmare. I am convinced that Black murdered Genette.

'I have sent him birthday and Christmas cards as reminders that I am still out here hoping that he will help us get over this once and for all.'

8/5/01 Mail on Sunday

Police rescue US child after Net paedophile raid

7/3/2 We Times

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

DETECTIVES investigating a worldwide internet paedophile network have flown to the United States and rescued a six-year-old who was being sexually abused.

The officers investigating a highly sophisticated network calling itself Shadowz Brotherhood found video film of the child being raped when they raided one of the network members in Bradford, West Yorkshire, last December.

Film of the abuse was being put on the internet and distributed to network members. When police searched his files and e-mails they found an address in Georgia.

Two officers from the National Crime Squad's hi-tech unit flew to the United States and cooperated with sheriffs who arrested the girl's 31-year-old unemployed father.

The man, code-named "Dead" on the network, is now awaiting trial and details of the arrest were released yesterday as the unit co-ordinated a second international wave of arrests on the Brotherhood.

Detective Chief Superintendent Len Hynds, head of the unit, said yesterday that the Brotherhood was "a group of very sophisticated hi-tech paedophiles who have come together to exchange information. They had level of technical expertise we have not seen before."

The network included chat rooms and files on specialist paedophile interests including one devoted to sexual abuse of babies. Mr Hynds said that the contents of the material being passed was appalling and showed "an extremely horrific abuse of children. Children being tortured and raped".

He said the network thought it was untouchable, but intelligence originally from Sweden led police to its members.

Six of the Brotherhood, including one of the administrators, were arrested in Britain. Raids were also carried out in The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Spain and Italy against more than 40 other suspects.

Thirty-one of the suspects were held in Germany. Hundreds of thousands of videos, CDs and computer material were seized for examination.

The men arrested in Britain included a 25-year-old unemployed man from Staines. Police suspect that he was one of the organisers. The others include a 62-year-old man from Berkshire who works in the NHS.

COOK COUNTY

Suspect is denied bail in sex assaults of girls

Calling him a threat to the community, a Cook County judge on Friday denied bail for a Chicago man charged in the sexual assaults of eight girls, most of whom were attacked in discount stores.

Jose Rivas, 23, of the 4700 block of West Grace Street, is charged with three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count each of aggravated battery and attempted criminal sexual abuse.

In some cases, Rivas allegedly approached the children in stores and asked for help picking out toys, authorities said.

Rivas is accused in attacks that span two years, the most recent in June.

"We believe if the defendant were released on bond, he will continue to attack little girls," Assistant State's Atty. Jane Sack told Judge Colleen Hyland.

8/10/3 Tribune

Doctor and teacher jailed for child sex

By Michael Horsnell

A PAEDOPHILE ring with tentacles stretching across the British Isles has been smashed, police disclosed yesterday as two men began prison sentences.

Operation Lucifer, in which 11 forces were involved, uncovered teachers, doctors and clergymen in a gang of sexual predators extending from Scotland to Cornwall and Wales, and to the Irish Republic.

Specialist teams of detectives investigated offences ranging from suspected abduction to serious sexual assault, together with the taking and distribution of indecent photographs. The ringleader was Alan Ackers, 57, a former biology teacher from Weybridge, Surrey, who was jailed for the third time in his career for offences against children.

At Guildford Crown Court, Judge John Bull jailed Ackers for three-and-a-half years and branded him a "predatory paedophile unable to change his ways".

When they raided his home last year, police found a mailing list of several hundred contacts to whom he sent pornographic photographs of children, and dozens of arrests followed.

The series of raids also exposed Dr Paul Bridges, a retired consultant psychiatrist at Guy's Hospital, London. Bridges, 69, from Clapham, south London, was given a 15-month sentence after pleading guilty to two offences of indecent assault on boys aged 15 and 16 and to one offence of taking indecent photographs.

The sentence was suspended for two years by the judge after his plea was taken into account. His mentor, Ackers, who passed boys on to him, was found guilty of seven charges of indecent assault, including the same two boys assaulted by Bridges.

Inquiries by detectives in London, Strathclyde, Kent, Lancashire, Cleveland, South Wales, Greater Manchester, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall and the Garda Siochana as well as Surrey Police, which led the investigation, has resulted in several convictions

Boy, 12, stabbed to death in London street

Paul Kelso

A 12-year-old boy has been stabbed to death and his half-brother seriously injured in a vicious knife attack in the heart of Covent Garden, central London.

Diego Pineiro died from multiple stab wounds within an hour of the attack on Sunday evening in the the area known as Seven Dials.

His brother was taken to a south London hospital but his injuries were said yesterday not to be life threatening.

A 52-year-old man, described by police as an acquaintance of the boys, was arrested at the scene after being disarmed and restrained by two waiters from a local restaurant.

Local residents and eyewitnesses said the man, known as Alex, was often seen talking to Diego and hanging around a playground in the courtyard of St Giles's church near the scene of the murder.

The attack took place shortly after 8pm at the busy junction as thousands of people enjoyed a balmy evening. Sheikh Salim, 26, a waiter at the Sartaj balti house on Earlham Street, described how he intervened after hearing a scream outside the restaurant.

"I heard this shriek and looked out and saw two boys running and a man chasing them," he said. "One of the boys tripped, clutching his legs, and the man grabbed the other one and started giving him what looked like small rabbit punches — it was only later I realised he was stabbing the boy

"I tried to grab him from behind but he was so tense I couldn't — then I wrestled him to the ground and he elbowed me in the ribs and I fell. Then I noticed my sleeve was all bloodstained, and I could see this boy on the ground covered in blood.

"My colleague had managed to get the man in a headlock by now and I heard this metallic noise and saw a bloodstained knife drop. We wrestled him to the ground and I put my foot on his neck until the police arrived."

Diego and his brother lived with their mother nearby in Charing Cross Road and attended a local school. The boys' mother was said to returning from Spain last night.

A roundabout in St Giles's courtyard bears graffiti thought to have been written by the man as a message to Diego. It says: "Remember — always cheat others before others can cheat you — if they're clever enough. I wasn't, and I wouldn't want to be!"

The message, in neat white capital letters, is dated November 2 1999. Underneath is scrawled: "Welcome back."

Floral tributes left at the scene included one from the police community action unit.

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EUROPE Tribune 7/3/2

Police strike at child pornography ring

European police swooped on a suspected Internet child pornography ring with raids in seven countries Tuesday, the European Union's police agency Europol said in The Hague.

Police seized suspects, computers, CDs and videos in raids in Belgium, Britain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.

British police said "Operation Twins" targeted suspected members of the world's most technically sophisticated Internet child porn network yet detected.

The crackdown on 50 suspected members of the gang centered on Germany, where police searched the homes and offices of 31 people. The operation was led by Britain's National High-Tech Crime Unit. The gang was "a group of pedophiles who exchanged photos and videos of violence committed against their own sons and daughters and other children," Italian police said.

ROUND THE WORLD

ENGLAND 5/21/2 Tribune

Raids snag dozens accused of downloading child porn

LONDON — Police raided homes across England on Monday, making dozens of arrests and seizing computers in an operation targeting suspected users of child pornography.

"There have been at least 36 arrests, and more are pending," said Lucinda Brown, spokeswoman for the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

She said her group had been contacted by U.S. authorities and tipped off that a number of people in England were accessing child pornography Internet sites in the United States and paying to download images of children being sexually abused.

Meanwhile, a Roman Catholic clergyman was sentenced to 9 months in jail for having more than 30,000 photos and computer images of children involved in sex acts. The Rev. Michael O'Kelly, 47, the dean of Reading, had pleaded guilty to making indecent images of a child.

Sauk Village men plead guilty to child pornography charges

By Andrew Fegelman

A Sauk Village man and a friend who took nude photographs of the man's teenage stepdaughter after telling her the pictures would be used to promote her career as a model both pleaded guilty Tuesday to child pornography charges.

Michael McCulley and the friend, Leonard Callison, had been under investigation last year by the Illinois State Police Child Exploitation Task Force, which had tried to determine whether they were running an operation for the manufacture and sale of child pornography.

But Assistant State's Atty. Charles Boskey said Tuesday that evidence indicated the two only took photographs of the girl, who at the time was 15, in the basement of Callison's home and that the pictures were never sold.

McCulley, 38, and Callison, 44, entered the plea in the Markham branch of Cook County Circuit Court before Judge Richard Samuels, who sentenced them to three years' probation and fined them each $2,000.

Both men also were prohibited from having any contact with the girl, who is now 18 and lives in Indiana.

In addition, Callison pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and with possession of child pornography. Samuels sentenced Callison, identified in court documents as a laborer with a Des Plaines construction company, to three years' probation on those charges with the sentences on all the charges running concurrently.

"Mr. Callison, it is against the law to possess kiddie porn films, I don't care if some dealer likes to rent them," Samuels said in imposing the sentence, which also included an additional $1,000 fine.

When state police raided Callison's Sauk Village home a few blocks from McCulley's, they recovered two videotapes depicting children engaging in sexual acts as well as two guns and about 1,000 grams of marijuana. In addition, police said, they seized other sexually explicit photographs, including some depicting Callison and McCulley.

According to testimony in court Monday, Callison and McCulley persuaded the girl to pose for the photographs in January, 1985. But authorities did not learn of the session until last March after McCulley's wife, who was then involved in divorce proceedings with her husband, told police of the photographs.

VENGEANCE VOW BY HOLLY'S DAD

THE father of murdered schoolgirl Holly Wells has pledged to avenge her death if killer Ian Huntley is ever let out of jail.

Grief-stricken Kevin Wells, 40, vowed: "The minimum sentence he could serve is 50 years.

"I'll be 90 then–but if he is set free, I'll be there waiting for him." Kevin made the promise as he talked with wife Nicola for the first time on TV about their ordeal.

BY **SHARON MARSHALL**

The couple tell of their hatred for Huntley, 29, in an emotion-charged ITV1 Tonight Special on Thursday. Holly and pal Jessica Chapman, both 10, were killed by Huntley in Soham, Cambs, in August 2002. In the interview Kevin reveals that he feared the jury might not convict.

And he reads tearfully from the diary he kept every day from the moment the girls vanished.

A TV insider said: "It is incredibly moving."

DAD'S DIARY: Kevin Wells

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH Wednesday, July 3, 2002

Paedophile squad saves girl, 6, from rapist father

By Sean O'Neill

BRITISH investigators flew to America to rescue a six-year-old girl who was being repeatedly raped on video by her father for the gratification of members of a highly secretive internet paedophile ring.

Officers from the national high-tech crime unit discovered the girl's ordeal – video footage of which was placed on an encrypted website – after the seizure of a computer in Bradford, West Yorks.

Two officers flew to the US and, with FBI agents, local police and a child protection team, raided a house in Georgia. The girl, an only child, was at home with her married parents.

A large amount of computer and video equipment was removed from the house for examination. The girl was taken into care and her father, 31, was arrested.

His wife claimed to know nothing of the abuse her daughter regularly suffered in the family home, although the child's distress is audible on the video footage.

The rescue was ordered despite the danger that it could have jeopardised an inquiry into the Shadowz Brotherhood, a major internet paedophile gang.

Details of the investigation were given yesterday after raids across Europe in which 30 members of the ring were arrested. Forty-six men have been detained in 12 countries since the inquiry began.

There have been 10 arrests in Britain, including six yesterday, the most important of which was that of a man whose computer led officers to the girl.

At the time of a raid on his house last December, the 29-year-old man was downloading child pornography. While officers were still at the house he received a delivery from Romania of 25 CD-Roms containing child pornography.

During examination of one hard drive, a video clip of the child being raped was found. It was traced to an e-mail address in Georgia used by a man nicknamed "Dead".

The man is believed to have been an "administrator" in the Shadowz Brotherhood, a club thought to number 70 to 100 people.

A few "administrators" rated other members at one to four stars.

The ratings allowed different levels of access to websites.

The brotherhood prided itself on its security. Members were advised how to re-route messages through different internet servers and how to remove all traces of their identity.

But since early 2001, when Swedish intelligence located the club, officers from the high-tech unit have been monitoring it closely.

Hundreds of thousands of still images and video clips have been found, some depicting the torture of children and sexual abuse of babies. More than 60 internet companies have been told to remove material from 244 websites.

"The material is extremely horrific abuse of children," said Det Supt Mick Deats, head of operations at the high-tech unit.

"Just when you think you have seen the worst, something else comes along. It is a real shock to the system."

One of those held yesterday, a 25-year-old unemployed man from Staines, Middx, is believed to be one of the group's leaders.

The others are: an electronics security expert, 58, from Northants; a 62-year-old employee of a NHS trust from Reading;, a cleaner, 23, from Wiltshire; an electrician, 26, from Eltham, south-east London; and a 27-year-old jewellery trade manager from Hounslow, west London.

My son's nightmare: Page 17

One of the Shadowz Brotherhood's internet sites

Daily Mail, Friday, October 8, 2004

Triple murderer may be charged over Genette

Victim: Genette Tate

By **Ben Taylor**

A NOTORIOUS child-killer may be charged with the murders of two other girls, it emerged last night.

Robert Black, who is serving life for three killings, could face prosecution over the deaths of 13-year-old Genette Tate in 1978 and nine-year-old Jennifer Cardy three years later.

Detectives have found evidence showing the former van driver made a delivery in Belfast on the day Jennifer was abducted a few miles away at Ballinderry, County Antrim, while cycling to meet a friend.

Records from the defunct London firm Poster Despatch also show Black made deliveries in Exeter, a few miles from Genette's home in Aylesbeare, Devon. Her body has never been found.

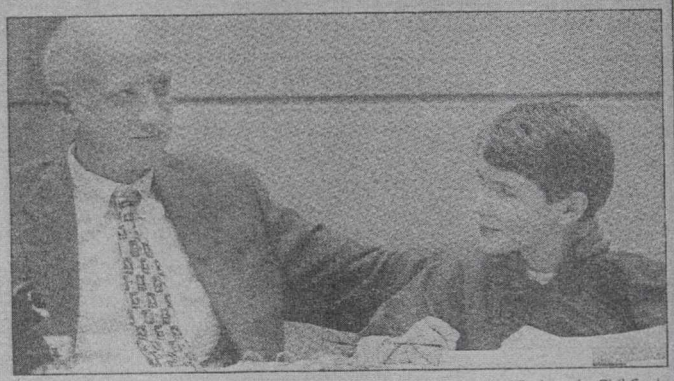
Police have had preliminary talks with the Crown Prosecution Service over the evidence. However detectives privately fear prosecutors may judge that it is not in the public interest to mount another lengthy and costly prosecution against Black who cannot be considered for release until he is 82.

Black, 57, of Stamford Hill, North London, was convicted in 1994 of the murder of three girls in the 1980s – Susan Maxwell, 11, Caroline Hogg, five, both from Scotland, and Sarah Harper, ten, from Morley, near Leeds.

One retired detective said: 'No one really believes that he struck just three times.'

Teens to get new trial in dad's death

Associated Press



AP photo by Phil Coale

Alex King, 13, and his attorney, James Stokes, listen Thursday as a judge overturns the boy's conviction in Pensacola, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—A judge on Thursday threw out the convictions of two teenage brothers in the slaying of their 40-year-old father, who was beaten with a baseball bat as he slept.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell said the boys' rights were violated by the "unusual and bizarre" way prosecutors presented two contradictory theories of the crime.

Prosecutors received convictions against Alex King, 13, and Derek King, 14, last month by arguing that Derek swung the bat. But in an earlier trial, they presented evidence that Ricky Chavis, an adult friend of the boys, committed the crime.

The judge said he will order a new trial for the boys and plans to encourage the prosecution and defense to work out a deal.

The brothers were convicted Sept. 6 of second-degree murder without a weapon and faced 22 years in prison.

"We're all ecstatic," said Linda Walker, the boys' maternal grandmother.

The brothers' lawyers argued that prosecutor David Rimmer committed prosecutorial misconduct for pursuing the contradictory theories.

Chavis, 40, a convicted child molester, was acquitted in a separate murder trial, but his verdict was sealed until the teenagers' trial ended. Jurors said they believed the brothers helped kill their father, Terry.

Rimmer denies emphasizing Chavis was the killer, saying that decision was up to jurors.

10/18/2 Torture

Child porn possession ban upheld

By Christine Y. DiGangi
Springfield Bureau
Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD—A state law barring possession of child pornography was upheld Wednesday by the Illinois Supreme Court.

With only one dissent, the justices said society's "compelling interest" in protecting children from sexual exploitation outweighs an individual's "assurance of full freedom of conduct in his home."

The measure provides up to three years in prison and a $25,000 fine for possession of materials depicting children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual conduct.

In decisions in line with earlier opinions, the high court also turned back two more challenges to provisions of the state's drunken driving law that allow the secretary of state to summarily suspend the driver's licenses of motorists who fail or refuse to take blood alcohol tests.

"Driving is a privilege, not a right," said Mike Lawrence, a spokesman for Secretary of State Jim Edgar. "And if the Legislature decides it's good public policy to crack down on drunk driving, the court is generally disposed to the laws."

The ruling in the child pornography case reversed two trial court decisions that held that the ban on home possession of the material violated constitutional rights to free speech and due process.

Writing for the majority, Justice Daniel P. Ward said the challenged provision was not intended to regulate the material's moral content or limit the individual's freedom of thought, but to protect children who may be involved in its production.

The incentive for child pornography purveyors is its sale or distribution, Ward noted, and by prohibiting its possession, the statute seeks to "dry up" the final link in the chain of sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

The physiological and psychological well-being of a minor must be safeguarded even "in the sensitive area of constitutionally protected rights," Ward said.

But Justice William G. Clark dissented, saying the law violated the constitutional freedoms of speech, due process and privacy.

Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan hailed the court's decision.

"By affirming the state's right to prosecute those who possess child pornography no matter where that material is kept, the court has struck a blow toward eliminating child pornography," he said.

Sun Times 5/6/97

Man goes on trial in rape, murder of 'Megan'

Almost three years after the rape and murder of 7-year-old Megan Kanka triggered a national movement to notify communities of sex offenders in their midst, testimony began Monday in Trenton, N.J., in the trial of the man accused of killing her. A twice-convicted pedophile who lived across the street from her, Jesse Timmendequas, 36, is charged with eight counts of murder, sexual assault and kidnapping in a case that led states and Congress to pass measures known as "Megan's Law."

Nation/World BRIEFS

Thai arrested in child porn case

An undercover investigation by U.S. Customs Service agents and police in Bangkok, Thailand, culminated in the arrest Wednesday of a man accused of being an international distributor of child pornography, a customs official said. Donald Watson, assistant regional commissioner of enforcement, said an undercover agent from Chicago and another from Detroit posed as buyers of child pornography. The agents flew to Bangkok to help make the arrest of Manit Thararee, 50. The case broke when customs officials intercepted a package of pornography bound for the United States, Watson said. Normally, the recipient of the pornography is arrested and prosecuted, but in this case officials decided to go after the seller, Watson said. When the distributor was arrested, police seized correspondence from around the world, including communist countries, he said.

Trans-Atlantic 'kiddie porn' traffic told

By William Hines
Sun-Times Bureau

WASHINGTON—A two-way trans-Atlantic traffic in child pornography—with U.S.-produced photographic "raw material" flowing east and lurid, sex-filled publications being smuggled west—was described at a Capitol Hill hearing yesterday.

Although domestically published "kiddie porn" magazines are too hot even for organized crime to handle, the European-printed sex books find a ready underground market here, a Chicago-based customs official told the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

The subcommittee, headed by William V. Roth Jr. (R-Del.), opened two days of hearings into child pornography and pedophilia—a sexual aberration defined as "erotic desire of an adult for a child."

Customs agent Jack O'Malley testified that a lively traffic in contraband publications depicting children in sex acts centers on Chicago, his base.

Large quantities of obscene material—mostly from Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden—are intercepted by agents there, he said.

Asked by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) to describe the sorts of pictorial material included in a large display of magazines on the witness table, O'Malley said:

"Each magazine is somewhat different in the subject matter portrayed, but it's safe to say you'll find sexual intercourse between adults—adult males, primarily—and small girls."

Some of the children depicted in sexual scenes with adults, O'Malley guessed, are as young as 18 months.

Ordinary pornography is on sale in so-called adult bookstores in Chicago that reputedly are under "mob" influence, O'Malley said.

But, he said, from contacts in the Police Department and the trade, he understands that child pornography is not available over the counter.

"Why is that?" Specter asked.

"They told us that it's too hot to handle."

Witnesses cited numerous publications that carry advertisements soliciting photographs of pre-pubescent children in sex acts. These ads, they said, are aimed at pedophiles in the United States, who would make obscene photos ending up as illustrations in magazines printed chiefly in the Netherlands and Denmark.

Soham detective out of prison early

DISGRACED Soham detective Brian Stevens has been released early from prison.

In August Stevens, 43, was jailed for eight months after being convicted of lying about an alibi during his abandoned trial for allegedly downloading child pornography from the Internet.

But last Monday he was released under the electronic tagging scheme after serving three months. Solicitor General Harriet Harman had previously blocked moves to increase his sentence.

Stevens, of March, Cambridgeshire, was the Chapman family liaison officer following the murder of Jessica and her friend Holly Wells by Ian Huntley.

11/27/4 Daily Mail

Paedophiles to be housed in the suburbs

By Matthew Hickley

PAEDOPHILES freed from jail are to be housed and treated in suburban neighbourhoods, ministers said yesterday.

About 100 of the worst offenders will have intensive treatment in special hostels, where they will be free to come and go subject to 'restrictions'.

The Home Office is braced for an outcry from local people and is planning a campaign to reassure them once sites are chosen.

The plans call for 'four or five' hostels, each housing as many as 25 paedophiles for up to a year of treatment designed to make them control their urges. But critics warned ministers would struggle to convince locals.

They added the treatment was unreliable and money would be better spent on satellite tagging and tracking for paedophiles, which is currently being piloted.

Criminologist David Green, director of the social policy think tank Civitas, said: 'There is not enough evidence that it works in enough cases, and it still leaves a lot of high-risk people out there. They need some form of restraint for the rest of their lives.'

According to a National Probation Service study of the 4,500 sex offenders on probation or serving community sentences at any one time 400 are 'high deviance and high risk' paedophiles. Of those, only a quarter are likely to respond to treatment.

Ministers argue that many paedophiles who might be treated in the new centres now live anonymously at probation hostels or private addresses. They say offenders at the centres would be heavily supervised. After leaving, they would remain on the sex offenders register. Britain's only residential treatment centre, the Wolvercote Clinic at Epsom, Surrey, closed in 2001 when the local health authority sold off the site.

Efforts to reopen it at Silverlands, near Chertsey, Surrey, were scuppered by local campaigners — although not until £2.4million had been spent — after the Home Office was criticised for being too secretive.

Four years ago the level of public concern over paedophiles in the community was revealed by a string of vigilante attacks following a controversial 'naming and shaming' campaign by a Sunday newspaper.

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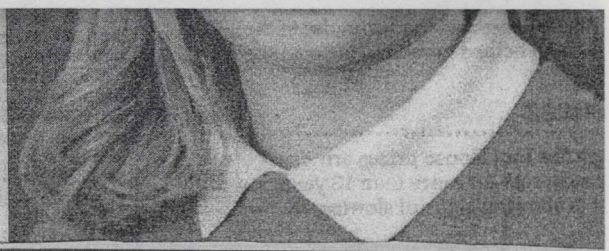

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What drives the vigilante mobs?

By David Campbell

WE all love our children and would do everything we could to protect them.

But would we take to the streets in a mob, throw bricks through windows and threaten our neighbours on hearsay evidence?

Surprising numbers of us apparently would, as events from Portsmouth to Manchester have shown. But what turns mums and dads on ordinary housing estates into vigilantes?

Ben Williams, a corporate psychologist from Edinburgh, says his heart goes out to parents worried about paedophiles. But the resort to mob rule worries him. And he says it's an old story. "It's the American lynch mob, the villagers in the Frankenstein movies," he claims.

Fear and anger

"They're driven by fear and anger, but also a measure of arrogance that says, 'We are good people and we don't want bad people living here'. It's the kind of rubbishing of the opposition that you get among football fans, the mentality that was exploited by Hitler to persuade Germans they were the master race.

"There will be leaders who start things off, people who may be intelligent but have a very black and white moral outlook, an 'eye for an eye' view of justice.

"They are emotionally stunted, unable to see the consequences of their actions. Some of the politicians in Ulster are the same.

"You can see mob incidents every weekend in our cities' clublands. Teenagers behave that way because they're going through a stage of their emotional development. The problem with these adult mobs is they're stuck at that teenage stage."

He says the phenomenon can be related to animal behaviour.

"If a dominant animal attacks a submissive target and it doesn't roll over immediately, that encourages other subordinate animals to join in — they 'mob'.

"Vigilantes will encourage one another and anyone who displays pity towards the target will themselves become a target and the thing will become uncontrollable.

■ A Portsmouth protester makes her feelings known.

"If the target comes out fighting, the crowd will disperse and come back with weapons. A bully will bully until he gets some kind of submission — but with a mob there's no one to submit to.

"Of course, once it's all over the mob become individuals again. Six months later TV crews will turn up to interview them an they'll deny they were involved, or sho remorse and rationalise it, claiming they wer forced into it — just like the old Nazis wh were only obeying orders".

And yet, even though it is an old story, it not something we've experienced in th country — outside teenage gangs — unt recent years, when suspected child molester and other unwanted neighbours have see ordinary people take the law into their ow hands. Has something changed in our culture?

Mr Williams believes it has. He says, "Ou moral fabric has diminished and there ar fewer constraints on our behaviour. Increasin numbers of people will say anything i permissible if it's not against the law.

"Some TV programmes encourage thi behaviour, and they're aimed at the kind o emotionally under-developed people we'r talking about.

"Jesus said, 'Let him who is without sin ca the first stone'. These people wouldn't listen t that."

Firestorm

So what can we do about the currer outbreak of vigilantism?

Mr Williams says the understandabl feelings about child molesting added to th climate of aggression have turned this into a emotional firestorm. The end of the newspape campaign and calling-off of the Portsmout demonstrations were the only way forward.

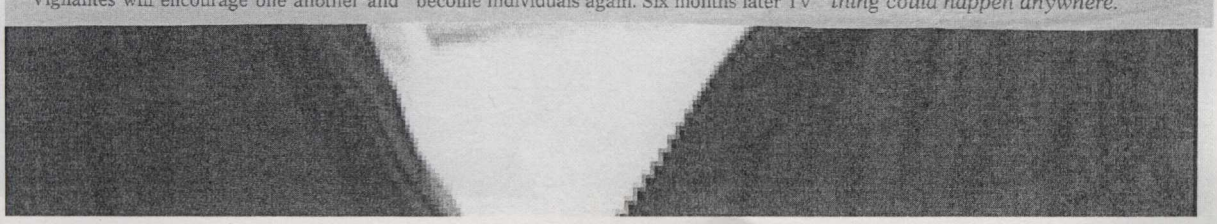
Perhaps most worrying is the vigilante could almost claim official sanction for the actions. Mr Williams says, "The Governmer first used the phrase 'naming and shamin about under-achieving schools, hospitals an so on. The newspaper campaign took it over.

"I hope this will be an object lesson.

"This is how clever rabble-rousers worl using Government phrases to legitimis themselves in people's minds

"If we fail to condemn vigilante behaviou we condone it by default. But we can no choose whether it will happen again and people value their communities, they shoul look at how they behave.

"Because, like the Nazis, this kind o thing could happen anywhere."



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North Dakota tightens noose on sex offenders

Laws to ensure they remain in compliance are strictly enforced

BY CURT WOODWARD

BISMARCK, N.D. — From the moment he enters the sex offender's apartment, parole officer Brian Weigel is looking for contraband.

He kicks aside a blanket on the floor, peers down and spies a video game rated for mature players — complete with buxom computer-generated women on the cover. And despite protests from the man who lives here, the video game is coming with Weigel.

In the year since college student Dru Sjodin was abducted from a North Dakota parking lot and killed, allegedly by a convicted sex offender, the state has worked to make its sex offender laws among the strictest in the nation.

Dru Sjodin
Murder victim

Ban on sexual material

Officers like Weigel have to determine if an offender is sticking to restrictions that often include a ban on sexual material in the home.

"There's a real threat," said Weigel, one of five sex offender specialists in the state's parole and probation division. "If these guys reoffend, there's going to be another real victim out there."

Weigel's unit is new, part of the state's heightened enforcement since Sjodin's abduction a year ago Monday. The 22-year-old University of North Dakota student's body was found last spring in a ravine in Minnesota.

The man charged with abducting Sjodin and killing her, Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., is a convicted sex offender who had been released from prison just six months before she disappeared. He has pleaded not guilty to a federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The passage of a year has not softened the blow for Sjodin's family. "Every day weighs heavy in our hearts," said Linda Walker, Sjodin's mother. "There isn't one day that we don't think of her, even from the moment we wake up to the moment we go to sleep."

AP

Police knew officer was under suspicion before Soham hunt

By Ian Cobain
Chief Reporter

A POLICEMAN was assigned to comfort the family of Soham schoolgirl Jessica Chapman despite an FBI tip-off that he was a suspect in a child pornography case.

DC Brian Stevens's name and address was on a list of suspects passed to Cambridgeshire police in July, a month before Jessica and Holly Wells disappeared.

His details — and that of another police officer subsequently involved in the Soham murder inquiry — were among the names of 7,000 British suspects from all walks of life who were identified by US authorities earlier this year.

However, the information about DC Stevens, 41, was not acted upon for more than five weeks after the girls disappeared. During that time he remained with Jessica's parents, Leslie and Sharon, and with her sisters Rebecca, 16, and Alison, 14, often staying at the family home around the clock.

He was viewed as a key member of the inquiry team, responsible for building up a picture of Jessica's character, lifestyle and associates.

The names of DC Stevens and PC Antony Goodridge, 34, based at Cambridgeshire police headquarters in Huntingdon, were passed to the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) in London after FBI agents hacked into pay-per-view child pornography websites. The US authorities also passed on details of the two officers' credit cards, allegedly found on an American-based paedophile website, allowing the NCIS to establish their home addresses. "These details were passed on as an intelligence package earlier this summer," a police source confirmed.

No immediate action was taken in Cambridgeshire, however, apparently because police there did not spot the names of their own colleagues on the list.

Instead, Cambridgeshire officers decided to meet to discuss the list on August 5; a meeting that was cancelled as hundreds of officers began the hunt for Jessica and Holly, who had vanished the previous day. Police are understood to have finally examined the intelligence package passed on by NCIS on Wednesday last week. On realising that two of their own officers were on the list, senior officers immediately called in detectives from the West Midlands, who arrested the men at their homes shortly after dawn on the following day.

Yesterday DC Stevens and PC Goodridgewere were released on bail after an hour-long hearing before Judge Nicholas Beddard, sitting in chambers at Ipswich Crown Court. They were expected to be freed from Norwich Prison, where they have been held since Saturday.

The two men will remain on bail under the conditions that

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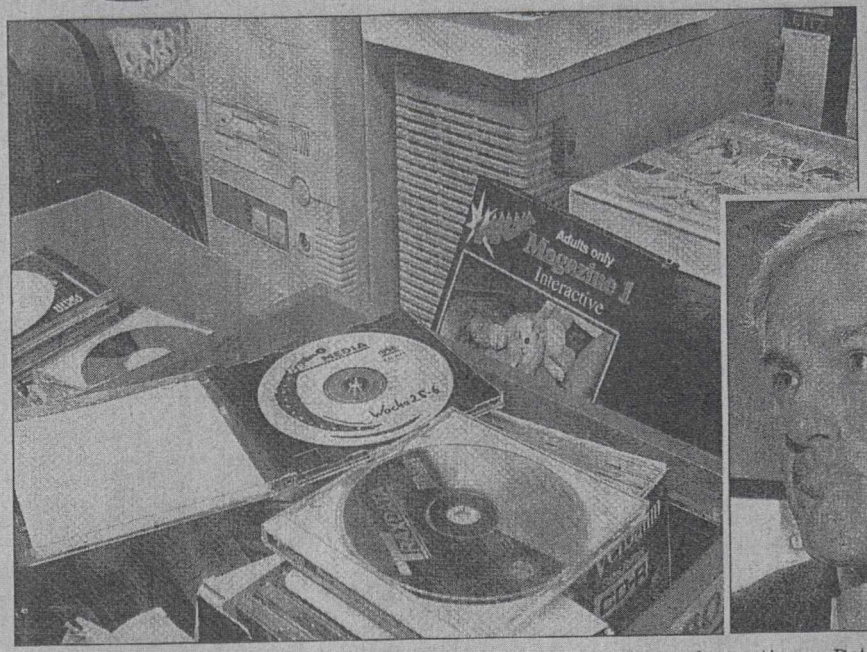
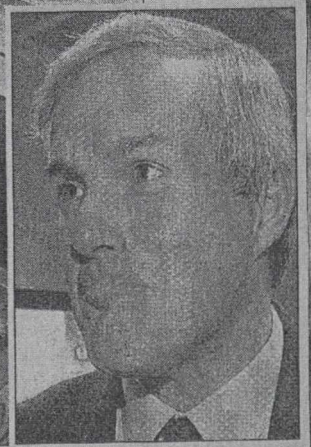
Porn ring smashed

Rape and torture of children on Internet





DEPRAVED: Some of the CDs seized in Germany. Below: Bob Packham of the National Crime Squad

BY JOHN TWOMEY

DETECTIVES who swooped on an Internet porn ring seized 100,000 indecent images of children. The eldest child was 11 and the youngest just two.

A senior police officer said: "It would turn the stomach of any right-minded person. It's disgusting stuff."

After the world's biggest police operation, scores of suspected paedophiles were being questioned about the rape and sexual torture of hundreds of children.

The maximum penalty for possession and distribution of the porn is three years, but the suspects face a life sentence if found guilty of rape.

They all belong to the Wonderland club. To join, would-be members must supply 10,000 original images, meaning they have to film child victims being abused then trade them on a secure website on the Internet.

In a top-secret investigation codenamed Operation Cathedral, Britain's newly-formed National Crime Squad ordered dawn raids in more than 20 countries.

The investigation, described by police as "difficult and distressing", was launched after a tip-off from US customs officers who had investigated a similar child porn ring called the Orchid Club.

In Britain, officers searched 15 addresses and detained 11 men. One of the ringleaders is a computer specialist in his twenties who was arrested at his home in St Leonard's, Sussex. His girlfriend's address was also raided but she was not detained.

Other arrests were made in London, Oxfordshire, Kent, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Middlesex and Norfolk.

All the British suspects are male and include a taxi driver and several professional computer experts. Many of them are clearly seen on the computer images. In some cases, they are abusing their own children or nieces and nephews.

The leading members of the Wonderland club are in the US, where 32 addresses were raided. There were 18 swoops in Germany, 16 in Italy and eight in Norway. Other raids took place in Finland, Belgium, Austria, France, Sweden and Portugal.

Suspects are to be questioned about other crimes including rape, serious sex assaults, kidnap and false imprisonment. Bob Packham, deputy director general of the National Crime Squad, said: "I am unaware of another police operation that has ever pulled together so many law enforcement agencies to effect simultaneous raids and arrests.

"This is the first time that the National Crime Squad has been asked to deal with suspected paedophile activity on the Internet. Our resources enabled us to establish a dedicated team of officers who worked tirelessly to disrupt this illegal 'club' founded on the sexual abuse of children as young as two. I hope our actions have prevented further abuse of children across the world."

Ralph Mutschke of Interpol added: "Crime on the Internet is a global phenomenon which requires a global approach."

Alarmingly, the paedophiles have operated undetected for a long time. Detective Superintendent John Stewardson, of the National Crime Squad, said: "People who engage in this type of depraved activity have felt relatively secure until now in the knowledge that the Internet is virtually unpoliced. They have been able to continue their practices with impunity.

"This co-ordinated action around the world has demonstrated that is no longer the case."

Mail Sting Caught Kid-Porn Buyers

By Pierre Thomas
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Postal Service announced Thursday that it operated a mail order pornography company for nearly two years as part of an undercover investigation targeted at people who purchased material depicting children in sex acts.

The operation has resulted in charges against 45 people so far, with as many as 70 others still facing possible arrest, postal officials said.

The investigation offered an unusual insight into the illegal market for child pornography and provided evidence of large-scale exploitation of children abroad to meet the U.S. demand for such material, law enforcement officials said.

The investigation began in December, 1993, after the Postal Service started to get complaints from residents who received unsolicited catalogs from a company known as Overseas Male, offering pornographic videos made in foreign countries. Much of the merchandise depicted children as young as 7 years old engaged in explicit sexual acts with adults and other juveniles.

Postal agents said they identified James Leroy Kemmish of San Diego as the U.S. distributor for Overseas Male, and Customs agents arrested him in June, 1994, as he attempted to enter the United States from Mexico with $16,000 in cash and pornographic videos. A search of Kemmish's home turned up 200 videos of child pornography, 60 videotapes packaged for mailing and more than 2,000 letters marketing the tapes, which sold for between $50 and $290, depending on the age of the children.

A review of the company's financial records showed it had grossed about $10,000 a week during one six-month period.

Subsequent investigation determined that Kemmish's supplier was Troy A. Frank, who lived near Mexico City. Frank, who committed suicide after learning he was the target of an investigation, is believed to have produced hundreds of videos using children from Mexico and the Netherlands.

Frank had been a fugitive since 1990, wanted in Greeley, Colo., on child pornography charges. Kemmish has since pleaded guilty to child pornography charges and is serving a five-year prison term.

Postal officials said they decided to continue their investigation after uncovering Frank and Kemmish in part because of the probability they would find child pornography consumers who also were abusing children.

Shutting down Overseas Male "wasn't enough because those who created the demand for child pornography were still out there," said Kenneth J. Hunter, chief postal inspector, at a morning news conference. Armed with a list of Overseas Male's 2,000 paying customers, postal inspectors designed a marketing campaign for their sting operation known as "Island Male," soliciting many of those customers through sexually explicit letters.

Inspectors waited for orders and then executed search warrants if a person accepted delivery of pornographic materials.

"As orders for child pornography continued to pour in to Island Male's undercover post office box just outside of San Diego, postal inspectors processed the orders and then made controlled deliveries of videos," Hunter said.

4 Here Among Postal Service Targets

The two-year nationwide sting against buyers of child pornography caught four Chicago area men, postal authorities said Thursday.

One of those arrested, Robert H. Ellison, pleaded for the return of several of his videos because he feared that he would molest children if he couldn't relieve his sexual urges through pornography, said Leo Lalley, a U.S. postal inspector.

Ellison, 65, of the 3900 block of West 66th Street, was arrested Sept. 7, 1995. He pleaded guilty and is in the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center awaiting sentencing, scheduled for July.

Also arrested, on Oct. 25, 1995, was Samuel Bigknife, 44, of Niles. Lalley said a search of his home turned up newspaper articles on John Wayne Gacy and Jeffrey Dahmer, as well as drawings of castration and decapitations.

Bigknife is confined under house arrest pending his trial.

William Waldo Healy, 49, of the first block of East Cedar, was taken into custody last Sept. 6, and two days later authorities arrested Gregory Lundy, 37, of Morris, Ill. Both pleaded guilty.

Healy and Lundy were sentenced to two years' probation and ordered to undergo psychological testing.

All four were charged with receiving child pornography through the mail, a federal offense punishable by fines and prison sentences as long as five years.

Jim Casey

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Sentencing phase begins for Megan's killer

Lawyers for the man convicted of murdering 7-year-old Megan Kanka will try to save his life by portraying him as the product of an abusive childhood. Jesse Timmendequas was convicted May 30 of luring Megan to his house across the street in Hamilton Township, N.J., then raping, beating and strangling her. The jury returns to court today to consider whether he should be put to death.

Internet child porn ring broken

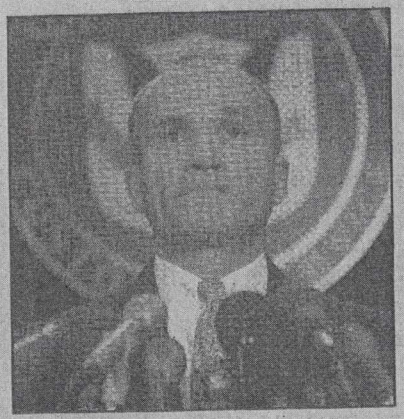
WASHINGTON, (UPI) — The U.S. Customs Service says it is helping to break up a massive international child pornography ring on the Internet, serving 32 search and seizure warrants in 22 states.

Besides today's raids in the United States, arrests are also taking place around the globe.

An earlier Customs statement said the investigation involves 100 suspects in 14 countries. But at a news conference in Washington today, Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly said: "The ring involves as many as 200 suspects around the world, 34 of them in the United States. They come from places big and small, from Kennebunk, Maine, to Santa Ana, Calif., from Brooklyn to Salt Lake City."

Kelly said the suspects allegedly "trade in the most vile child pornography imaginable over the Internet. The images depict everything from sexual abuse to the actual rape of children."

The commissioner said, "Customs agents have tracked these suspects through cyberspace as they hid behind a maze of Internet providers, servers, files and screen names."



U.S. Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly

The global investigation began with information gathered during a 1996 Customs investigation of child pornography that netted several arrests.

That information was passed on to officials in Britain, Australia, Canada and Finland. Customs says arrests in Britain in 1997 led authorities to an even larger and more sophisticated child pornography trading ring.

The Customs statement said the British investigation uncovered more than 100 suspects in 14 countries. Customs said each member of the ring had to have multiple images of child pornography in order to join. Some had as many as 10,000.

Customs opened its first investigation into computer child pornography in 1989 and conducted the first Internet investigation of such pornography in 1993.

The agency says from October through July 1997, they arrested 183 people on child pornography charges

Buyers' list used in war on child porn

A list of dozens of Chicago area purchasers of child pornography has been compiled by postal inspectors as a weapon in a newly declared war on the porn business and its illicit offshoots.

We've learned that the list, which includes a cross-section of males ranging from business executives to blue collar workers, will be used in a crackdown against sexual abusers of young people.

Here's the problem: Investigators have evidence that many purchasers of sexually explicit photos use them to approach children and teenagers they desire as sex partners. Their usual line, say investigators, is to try to persuade their potential victims by displaying the pictures that there is nothing wrong with deviant and other sex acts.

Unfortunately, many children—most of them sexually naive—fall for it, investigators say.

The list of porn purchasers will be used by police in a two-pronged effort aimed at halting such predatory activities and nailing the distributors of child pornography. Purchasers face arrest on federal and state charges of dealing in child pornography and contributing to the delinquency of minors. It's expected they'll also be taken before a grand jury to tell the source of such material.

We've learned that police Supt. Fred Rice and his top deputy, John Jemilo, are considering the deployment of some 25 teams of tactical detectives in neighborhoods where child porn purchasers are suspected of approaching children.

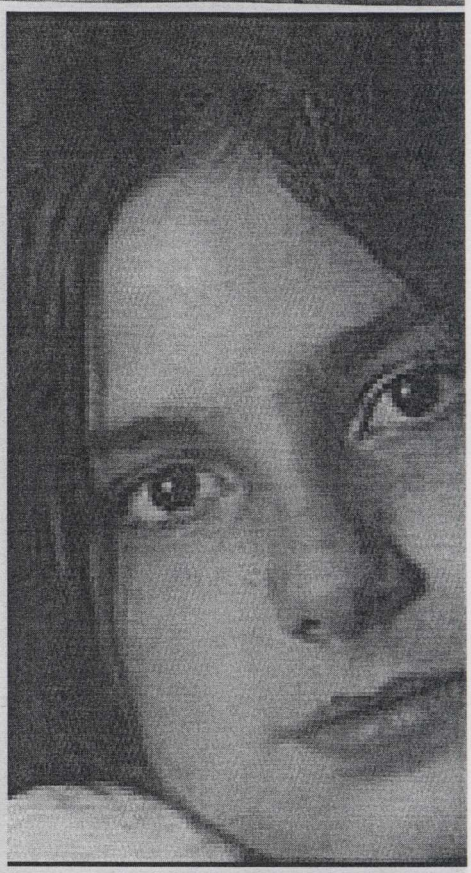
Members of a newly formed federal-state-local task force that will tackle the child porn problem were stunned by the amount of material in circulation.

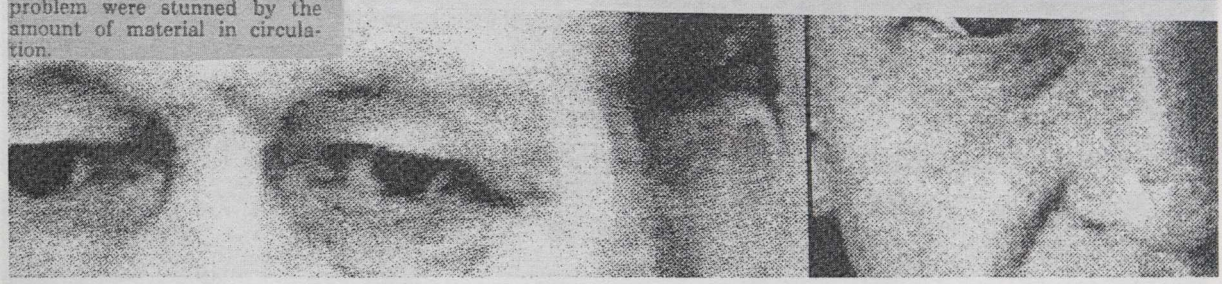
Art Petacque & Hugh Hough

The task force, which will focus on the Chicago area and northern Illinois, includes Jeff DuPilka, deputy postal inspector here; Illinois Inspector General Jeremy D. Margolis; Joe Mayo, commander of the Chicago police Youth Division, U.S. Customs agents and representatives of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

FOOTNOTE: R. Lawrence Steele, the U.S. attorney for northern Indiana who is working with the task force, won an indictment Friday against Chicagoan David Andersson, 48, on charges of mailing pornographic materials to Indiana.

The indictment falls under a new federal statute that doesn't require a profit motive in child porn dealings and raises the age of a person considered a child from 16 to 18.





Inmate Accused of Collecting Internet Child Pornography

By NINA BERNSTEIN

In a Federal grand jury indictment unsealed yesterday, a Minnesota prison inmate has been charged with conspiring to collect and trade child pornography via the Internet using a prison computer.

The inmate, George G. Chamberlain, 57, is a convicted pedophile whose role in the prison computer operation was reported in a front-page article in The New York Times on Nov. 18, 1996. The article dealt with a list of thousands of children that had been secretly compiled, annotated and stored along with a cache of child pornography in the prison computer used by Mr. Chamberlain.

The list of children does not figure in the indictment handed up by the Minneapolis grand jury, but it will be used as evidence in Mr. Chamberlain's trial, said a source close to the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A case that raises extraordinary issues, prosecutors say.

The two-count indictment says that as early as January 1994, while he was a prisoner at the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Lino Lakes, Mr. Chamberlain used a prison computer and the Internet to obtain child pornography, used E-mail through an anonymous remailing service in Finland to discuss with others how to avoid detection, and possessed an optical disk containing 287 visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

"This case raises extraordinary and timely issues," United States Attorney David Lillehaug said yesterday. "The idea that a prisoner had this kind of access to the Internet, and was able to collect explicit child pornography and communicate with others on how to hide it is almost unbelievable."

Mr. Chamberlain has been in prison since 1979, but his adult history of sex-related felonies began when he was 18 and spans a 20-year period punctuated by prison terms in three states and six failed attempts at treatment, according to court records. His youngest recorded victim was a 6-year-old girl. State law requires his release from prison in 2002, when he will have served two-thirds of his current sentence.

If convicted of the new charges, one count of conspiracy to distribute child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography, Mr. Chamberlain faces up to 15 years in prison, a $250,000 fine or both.

After finding the pornography and the list of children, corrections officials brought him up on disciplinary charges, seeking to extend his prison stay. But Mr. Chamberlain denied involvement and blamed another inmate in the same prisoner-run computer programming and telemarketing business. An administrative hearing board found the case unproved.

Mr. Chamberlain has been the target of a Federal criminal investigation since the list and the child pornography were discovered during an outside audit of the computer operation in the fall of 1994.

"It takes a long time detect and analyze a hard drive when one false move can destroy critical evidence," Mr. Lillehaug said.

In the aftermath of the article about the list, the Minnesota Department of Correction was flooded with inquiries from worried parents asking if their children were on it, Shari Burt, a spokeswoman, said. The department set up a toll-free number and took from 10,000 and 15,000 calls, she said.

Children on the original list were mostly from small towns in northern Minnesota. They ranged from babies one month old to children in their early teens, but most were girls between 3 and 12. The list contained such personal details as "latchkey kids," "cute" and "Little Ms. pageant winner," apparently compiled from local newspaper articles.

An additional list of about 3,000 children in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, including street addresses, was discovered in January on the computer hard drive. The department notified those parents by letter, Ms. Burt said, and sent them material with tips on keeping their children safe. There is no evidence that the list was distributed by inmates over the Internet or any other way, Ms. Burt stressed.

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8-year-old sexually assaulted

by Robert E. Smith

Police are investigating a case of alleged aggravated criminal sexual assault that occurred early Monday morning in the 8100 block of South Ingleside.

The victim of the crime was an 8-year-old girl.

The young girl was walking to school when she was approached by an assailant, who is believed to be a 38-year-old man who grabbed the victim and dragged her in the alley and forced her to have sex with him.

Following the attack, the victim was taken to Jackson Park Hospital, where she was listed in fair condition.

The police said they do have a suspect in custody although no charges had been filed by *Defender* presstime.

According to officials, the case is still under investigation.

Area residents were outraged when they heard news of the attack.

"I can't believe that someone would do something like that to a little girl" said Grace Harvey, a resident since 1980.

Other area residents said such an attack is not commonplace in their part of the city.

"This community is not immune to violence, but this type of crime doesn't happen over here," said 'William,' a former resident who still works in the community occasionally.

Another resident who did not give her name said, "I just hope they catch the man and give him what he deserves."

Police said some of the details surrounding this case were still unclear by *Defender* presstime.

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7-year-old is found strangled

Half brother charged in North Side slaying

By Dionne Searcey and Teresa Puente
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITERS

A 7-year-old North Side boy reported missing by his mother was found early Saturday choked to death and wrapped in a plastic garbage bag.

He had been thrown out an apartment window, allegedly by his half brother, police said.

Saturday evening, authorities charged the half brother, Rafael Valderrama, 21, with one count of first-degree murder, said Cook County state's attorney's spokesman Bob Benjamin.

The victim, John Bolum, also was sexually assaulted, said Belmont Area Police Sgt. Thomas Sappanos.

Additional charges could be filed during a grand jury hearing, he said.

The boy's body was found about 3 a.m. at the base of an air shaft at 4035 N. Sheridan Rd. in Chicago by Grand Central Area detectives investigating a missing person's report filed by Pauline Bolum, the mother of both the victim and the suspect.

Police said the boy was tossed down the shaft and landed in an enclosed area where residents of the 98-unit building often throw out their trash.

They found the boy after breaking down a nailed-in door—the only ground access

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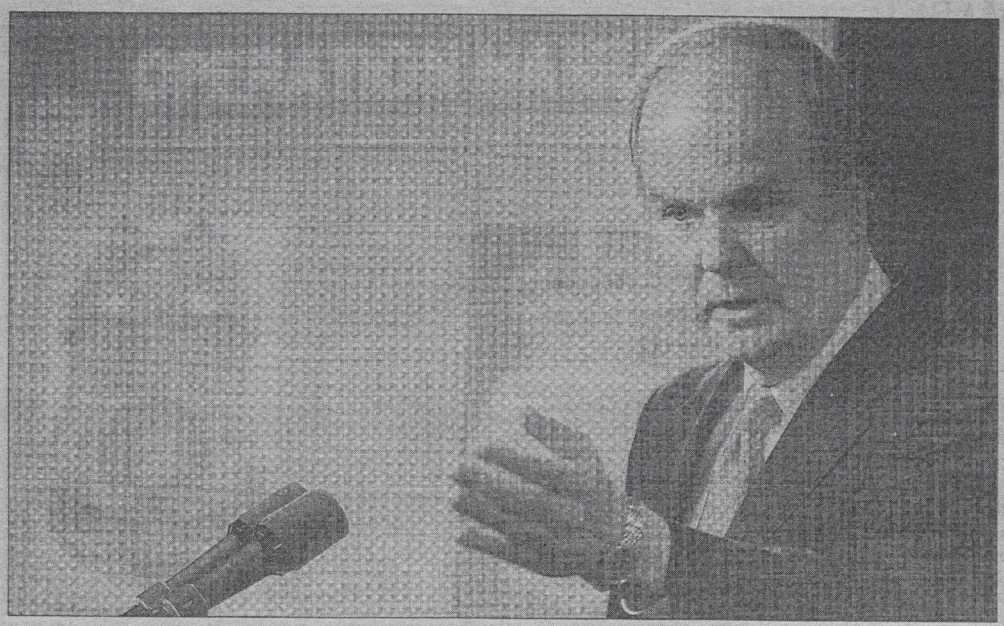

AP

U.S. Customs Commissioner Robert C. Bonner talks Friday about the parents charged with molesting, photographing and trading pictures of their children over the Web. The parents were European and American.

Parents exploited own kids: officials

BY CONNIE CASS

WASHINGTON—A group of parents sexually molested and photographed their own children and swapped pictures over the Internet, forming what one man called "the club," said U.S. Customs Service officials who announced charges Friday against 10 Americans and 10 Europeans.

Forty-five children were victimized, including 37 Americans ranging in age from 2 to about 14, said Customs Commissioner Robert C. Bonner.

"These crimes are beyond the pale," Bonner said. "They are despicable and repugnant."

The suspects are men except for Bente Jensen of Denmark, who was charged along with her husband, Eggert Jensen.

Among the U.S. citizens charged since January are chiropractor Lloyd Alan Emmerson of Clovis, Calif., who has pleaded innocent, and eight others.

Another, Jeffrey Naimo of Killeen, Texas, has pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

"What is particularly disturbing about this case is that the majority of the people who have been charged were actually the parents who were sexually exploiting their own children," Bonner told a news conference.

Men sometimes requested photographs of children in specific sexual poses.

One asked for an audiotape so he could hear a child crying while being spanked, the indictment said.

An 11th American, Sean Bradley of Reno, Nev., committed suicide prior to the filing of formal charges.

AP

Sex offender sought for living with kids

An arrest warrant was issued Monday for a 52-year-old convicted child sex offender after police discovered that the Vernon Hills man was living with two women who run a day-care center out of their home.

Michael D. Lintz, of the 0 to 100 block of Montebello Drive, faces felony charges for residing in a location where persons under the age of 18 are present, according to Matthew Chancey, chief of felony review for the Lake County state's attorney's office.

Amanda Vogt

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HELP SOLVE THESE KIDNAPPINGS IN AMERICA

OPAL at age 6 (left), and her photo computer-enhanced to age 9 (above).

OPAL JENNINGS

Last seen: March 26, 1999, in Saginaw, Texas.
Race: White
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Born: Nov. 24, 1992

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CHILD?

The ENQUIRER stands committed to finding America's kidnapped children. The following ENQUIRER Missing Child Alert is the latest in our regular series of informative bulletins — turning our millions of concerned readers into "eyes" and "ears" assisting law enforcement officers nationwide to locate abducted youngsters.

OPAL JENNINGS was abducted while playing with two other children near her home at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The 6-year-old kindergartner was carried off kicking and screaming by a male identified as Richard Lee Franks, 30, a registered sex offender. Franks has been convicted of Opal's kidnapping and is incarcerated, but despite an extensive search no trace of her has ever been found.

When last seen Opal was wearing a white shirt with stripes and flowers, and purple shorts with cargo pockets. Her hair was in a ponytail.

If you have information about Opal, please call the Saginaw Police Department at 1-817-232-0311.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also asks that you call its hotline after contacting law enforcement officials. You can reach the Center at 1-800-THE-LOST.

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20 arrested in global Internet child porn ring

Suspects in U.S., Europe allegedly abused own kids

By Susan Schmidt
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Twenty people in the United States and Europe have been arrested in a global child molestation ring, accused of posting pornographic images of minors—many of them their own children—on the Internet, U.S. Customs officials announced Friday.

Authorities said 45 children—37 of them in this country—have been taken from parents and caregivers who allegedly were participants in the group.

"These crimes are beyond the pale," Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner told a news conference Friday. "What is particularly disturbing about this case is that the majority of the people who have been charged were actually the parents who were sexually exploiting their own children."

Ten alleged members of the group, known as "the club," have been arrested or charged in California, Texas, Idaho, Florida, South Carolina, Kansas and Washington state. Others from the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland and the Netherlands were charged either in the United States or in their home countries.

The international charity "Save the Children" sparked the investigation when it discovered pornographic photos, and brought them to the attention of police in Denmark who sought the help of the U.S Customs Service late last year.

"Save the Children" discovered photographs on the Internet that showed a man sexually abusing a young girl. Danish police arrested the man and his wife after they discovered the couple had posted Internet images that appeared to show their 9-year-old daughter being molested, officials said. A search of their computer led to men in California.

Officials said more arrests are expected as authorities identify more of the children in the photographs, who ranged in age from 2 to 14. The children identified so far have been placed with relatives or in foster care, officials said.

Members of the ring asked one another to have their children photographed while engaging in various sexual practices, according to an indictment of 15 of the alleged ring members unsealed Friday in Fresno, Calif. The defendants communicated by e-mail and in Internet "chat sessions," according to the indictment.

U.S. Customs Cyber Smuggling Center agents, working with local police departments, Interpol and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, were able to identify others now alleged to be members of the ring.

"We followed the e-mail trail and that led us to the perpetrators," said Joe Michie, a Customs spokesman. "We are not done."

Each charge of sexual exploitation of children, conspiracy to exploit children and receiving and distributing child pornography carries sentences of 10 to 20 years in prison.

One of the suspects, Lloyd Emmerson, a chiropractor from Clovis, Calif., has pleaded not guilty to earlier charges. Another man previously charged, Jeffrey Naimo of Killeen, Texas, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty.

An 11th American, Sean Bradley of Reno, Nev., committed suicide prior to the filing of formal charges against him.

The Justice Department is seeking extradition of the Europeans named in Friday's indictment in Fresno, Customs officials said.

Smart sexually assaulted, prosecutors charge

By Judith Graham
Tribune national correspondent

SALT LAKE CITY—Elizabeth Smart was raped or sexually abused the night of her kidnapping nine months ago after being led in her pajamas 4 miles up a dirt road to an isolated campsite in the dead of the night, according to criminal charges filed in district court here Tuesday.

Telling her he would harm or kill her family if she resisted, Brian David Mitchell allegedly abducted the 14-year-old girl to become his "plural wife"—a term used by polygamists—and sexually abused her for several months, Salt Lake County District Atty. David Yocom said.

During at least part of that time, Smart was bound with a cable to a tree and unable to escape, prosecutors allege. "She was under threat of death," Yocom said, held in the hills and mountains above Salt Lake City until Oct. 8 and then taken to California. She was even buried under boards and dirt.

Mitchell, 49, and his wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee, 57, each face possible life sentences for six felony counts of aggravated sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping, and aggravated burglary. Bail for each was set at $10 million.

Normally, the Tribune would not print the names of victims of alleged sexual assault, particularly minors, but in the extraordinary case of Smart, whose identity is already widely known, withholding her name would not protect her nor serve a meaningful purpose.

The court papers paint a picture of a night of unimaginable horror for Smart, now 15, who was awakened and taken from her bed at knifepoint at 2 a.m. on June 5 by a man who had entered the house. The suspect, Mitchell, may have met the girl in the company of her mother the previous November, when Lois Smart gave the panhandler $5 and invited him to do maintenance work at the family's $1

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SMART: Girl was tied to a tree, kept in hole

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million home, Yocom said.

From the moment Mitchell allegedly confronted Elizabeth Smart the night of June 5, he threatened to "harm or kill her family if she did not comply with his directions," the criminal complaint said.

At a campsite in a rugged canyon 4 miles from the Smarts' home, Barzee waited in the darkness for her husband and the girl, Yocom said. When they arrived and she tried to remove Smart's pajamas, the girl resisted. Only after the woman threatened that Mitchell would forcibly remove her clothing did Smart succumb to Barzee's demands.

Few details are available about what happened to Smart in the ensuing months. As thousands of people searched for her in the canyon and surrounding areas, the girl and her alleged captors evaded detection.

At one point, Smart told family members, she heard her uncle David Francom calling her name but was unable to reply. Smart told police she was kept in a hole in the ground covered with boards and dirt, according to local newspapers and television.

Evidence taken from several campsites identified by Smart corroborates her account, Yocom said. Over the weekend, the teenager flew over the area with police, pointing out where she had been kept captive.

Cousin also targeted

Six weeks after her alleged kidnapping, on the night of July 24, Mitchell tried to break into the home of Smart's aunt and uncle, Steve and Jenny Wright, to kidnap one of her young cousins, the criminal complaint says.

Her 18-year-old cousin, Jessica Wright, was not the intended victim, as previously reported; instead, it was Jessica Wright's younger sister, Yocom said. Smart gave Mitchell her cousin's name and information about where she could be found, the prosecutor confirmed.

In a 27-page manifesto written earlier in 2002, Mitchell had declared his belief in the lost "blessing" of polygamy and indicated his intent to take many wives. In one passage, apparently addressing his wife, he wrote, "Thou wilt take into thy heart and home seven sisters, and thou wilt recognize them through the spirit as thy dearest and choicest friends from all eternity."

Religious fanaticism may have inspired Mitchell, an excommunicated Mormon who claimed to be a prophet, but an uglier motive was also at work, Yocom said.

"We're not just dealing with a religious zealot who was looking for converts or plural wives," he said. "We're dealing with a predatory sex offender."

One of Mitchell's stepchil-

dren, Rebecca Woodridge, has repeatedly stated over the last week that she was sexually abused by him during his four-year marriage to her mother, Debra Mitchell. That marriage ended in divorce in 1986.

Mitchell and Barzee will undergo mental evaluations in the next two months to determine their competency. Vicki Cottrell, a long-time mental health advocate and friend of Barzee's who visited her in jail Friday, afterward said she believed Mitchell may be schizophrenic. Barzee was hospitalized for a mental disorder more than a decade ago.

Tuesday morning, Ed and Lois Smart, Elizabeth Smart's parents, met with Yocom and pledged their full cooperation with the prosecution, knowing their daughter would be called on to testify about the alleged sexual abuse.

"The family would rather [Elizabeth] not take the stand because of the impact, but they're willing to do whatever it takes to see these two individuals are punished for their crime," family spokesman Chris Thomas said.

No federal charges now

Prosecutors will consider several options that could shield Smart from public scrutiny, including having the girl testify via videotape or closing the courtroom, Yocom said. A plea bargain that could prevent a trial while keeping Mitchell and Barzee in prison on reduced charges isn't out of the question, Yocom and Thomas said.

Richard Lambert of the U.S. attorney's office said "no federal charges are anticipated at this time," but he indicated charges could be brought if necessary in the future.

Research indicates that children who have been sexually abused and who testify about it in criminal trials suffer terribly from flashbacks of their trauma, fear, and deep dread about encountering the person who abused them in the courtroom, said Kathleen Faller, a social work professor at the University of Michigan.

Since she was discovered walking along a street in Sandy, a Salt Lake suburb, last Wednesday afternoon and returned to her family, Smart has been making "progress every day," Thomas said. On Tuesday, after watching a videotape with her father about a system for notifying the public about missing children, the two drafted a letter to Congress urging the adoption of a national Amber Alert system.

Elizabeth has also been visiting with friends and reading letters sent by well-wishers. Her family recognizes she will need counseling and "are looking at some therapy," Thomas said.

Mitchell and Barzee will be represented by public defenders, Yocom said. A lawyer who claimed to be speaking for Mitchell late last week in saying the religious fanatic "loved" Elizabeth and deserved mercy because he didn't kill her was full of "bull," the prosecutor said. The couple will appear via a closed-circuit hookup in district court Wednesday to face arraignment.

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Volunteers who searched for Dalton Mesarchik pray after learning he had been found dead.

Streator boy, 7, found dead in river

By Karen Mellen and Sufiya Abdur-Rahman
Tribune staff reporters

STREATOR—The body of a 7-year-old boy was found floating in the Vermilion River about 3 miles from his home Thursday morning, a day after he disappeared from in front of his house while waiting for a ride to a church event.

A church van that was supposed to pick up Dalton Mesarchik Wednesday evening never arrived, and Dalton's mother and aunt believe he mistakenly got into another vehicle because he believed he was going to church.

Dalton Mesarchik, 7, had been waiting for a ride to church when he disappeared from his home.

"He just wanted to go to church and be with Jesus," said Michelle Mesarchik, Dalton's mother, as she stood outside her Streator home Thursday evening.

At dawn Thursday, hundreds of volunteers from Streator, a town of 14,000 just south of Ottawa, began scouring railroad tracks, ditches and back yards in search of brown-eyed, brown-haired

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DALTON: Sex offenders in town will be questioned

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Dalton. An Amber alert, which notifies the media about the disappearance, was also issued.

Police believe Dalton was picked up by a vehicle outside his house because of evidence recovered by K-9 units. Relatives said three or four tracking dogs picked up Dalton's scent, but stopped in the middle of the street.

Police would not speculate on cause of death, pending an autopsy scheduled for Friday morning, but said the child's body had a laceration.

Sometime after 11 a.m. Thursday, a fisherman found the boy's body floating in the Vermilion River just south of Streator in Livingston County, changing the search to a homicide investigation and putting the town of 14,000 on edge.

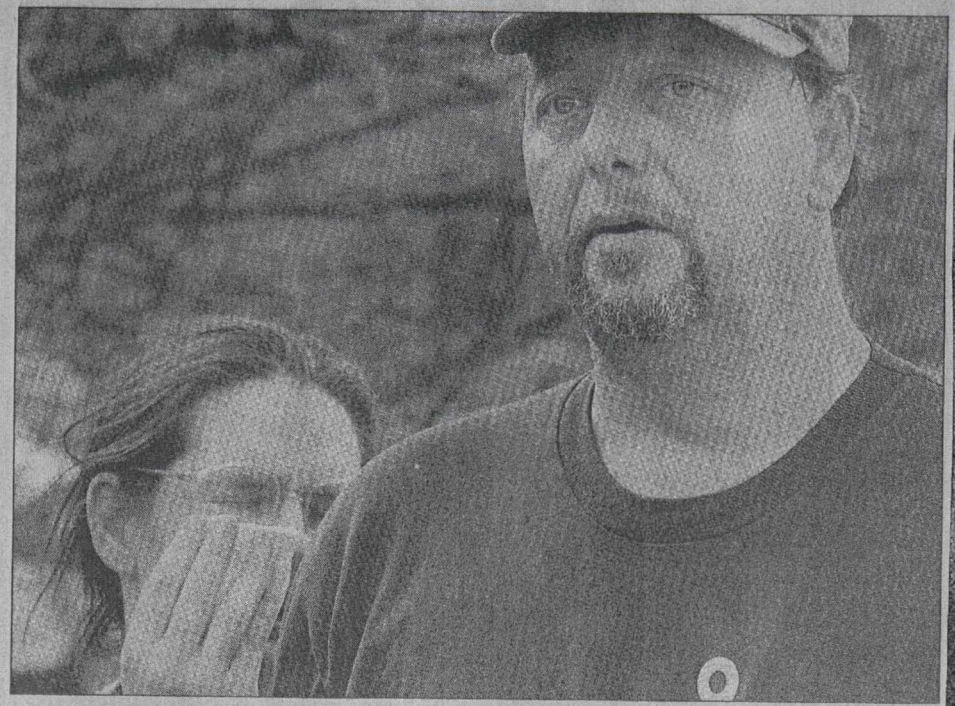
The family of the tall 1st-grader, who smiles out from a photo on a flier with missing front teeth and dark hair over his ears, said nobody from the church notified the family that the van would not be arriving.

Rev. Ron McKee, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Streator, said Thursday that one of the van drivers could not do her route because she was out of town with her sick husband.

Michelle Mesarchik said Dalton was waiting in the enclosed front porch of the family's house about 6:15 or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. His older sister saw him there about 6:45 p.m., when she left for a friend's house, to wait for the same church van, relatives said.

Dalton came back into the house around 7 or 7:15 p.m. to say that he was still waiting, Mesarchik said. But at 7:45 p.m., Mesarchik's daughter returned home and asked, "Where's Dalton?" Mesarchik said.

Dalton's relatives implored the public to come forward with



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Arthur Scott, uncle of Dalton Mesarchik, and fiance, Christine Brown, learn that the boy was found dead in the Vermilion River. Dalton had been waiting for a ride to church when he disappeared.

'I'll never tell my sister I hate her anymore. You never know what's going on. She could be dead tomorrow.'

—Family friend Brieanne Burkett, 13

any information, however slight, to explain what happened to the boy who loved collecting toy Harley-Davidson motorcycles and lining them up perfectly in his room.

"Whoever you are, come forward before you hurt another one," said Pamela Mesarchik-Ajster, Dalton's aunt.

Streator buzzed with talk of a child killer on the loose as the news spread Thursday afternoon, and parents vowed to keep closer tabs on their children.

"The possibility of someone being another victim is out there," said Detective John Krasnican of the Streator Police Department. "The sooner we can catch this person, the better off we can be."

Melinda Boales, who was shopping at Streator Foods grocery store near the town's Main Street, said she was worried about her young nieces and nephews.

"It's sickening. It's disgusting. Nothing like that ever happened here," she said. "I can't believe that somebody's sick enough to take a kid off the street like that."

Dalton's case is the fifth time the Amber Alert system has been activated since Jan. 31, 2002, said Illinois State Police spokesman Master Sgt. Lincoln Hampton. So far, Dalton is the only Amber Alert child in Illinois who was not found alive, Hampton said.

Streator police said there are 31 registered sex offenders in town and that they would be interviewing all of them. Nearly all of those to be questioned were convicted of offenses involving victims under 18 years of age.

Brieanne Burkett, 13, who is friends with Dalton's two older sisters, said students at North Lawn Junior High in Streator drew a poster to extend their sympathies to Dalton's family and hung it outside their classroom.

The experience has made Brieanne think about her relationship with her own sister, she said.

"I'll never tell my sister I hate her anymore. You never know what's going on. She could be dead tomorrow," Brieanne said.

Other teenagers said they felt unsafe after the incident.

"I'm not walking alone anymore," said Jonathan Cipriano, 13. "If I see somebody stop in a van, I'll run."

Tribune staff reporter Liam Ford contributed to this report.

METRO & STATE

Autopsy confirms town's fears

7-year-old boy was murdered after abduction

By Karen Mellen
Tribune staff reporter

STREATOR, Ill.—An autopsy conducted Friday confirmed the worst fears of this small town in north central Illinois: that Dalton Mesarchik, 7, was murdered after he was abducted from outside his family's home this week.

Police released few details Friday, such as the cause of death, saying that doing so might compromise their investigation into who took Dalton from outside his home as he waited for a church van to pick him up Wednesday evening.

As of Friday evening, the FBI and police from several jurisdictions, including Streator, Livingston County and the Illinois State Police, did not have any suspects in custody and said they were working to determine whether the kidnapper was from the community or just passing through.

Dalton was waiting for a van to take him to a children's church service about 7 p.m. Wednesday, but the van never arrived because the driver was unavailable. A massive search by police and volunteers began Wednesday night and continued into Thursday but stopped after a fisherman found Dalton's body about 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

A fishing boat was taken into evidence, but police would not discuss its significance.

Dalton's mother said she believes her son was taken by someone from the Streator area because his body was found in an area of the Vermilion River known by fishermen and locals.

On Friday, Dalton's family and the community of Streator, population 14,000, south of Ottawa, continued to grieve and pray for a quick arrest.

Michelle Mesarchik talks about the murder of her son, Dalton, 7.

"It's so sad we have people like this in our community," said Christine Missel, one of Dalton's aunts. "It is such a terrible, terrible tragedy. . . . He (Dalton) was a sweet child. He was never any trouble."

Dalton's mother, Michelle Mesarchik, said Friday that she was relying on her faith to deal with the loss of her son.

"He was just the greatest kid you could ask for," she said.

Across town, parents admitted they were holding their children tighter and discussing again what to do if confronted by a stranger. Janelle Reynolds of Streator would not allow her 5-year-old daughter to play outside on the day Dalton's body was found.

"I said, 'No. That bad guy's out there and we don't know who he is,' " she said.

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Ind. couple charged in kid sex act

A Gary couple charged people $10 each to watch their children perform sex acts on each other and whipped the children with extension cords when they refused to cooperate, authorities said. Sedrick Lamont Curtis, 30, and Shakima Lewis, 25, are accused of sexually abusing the children, who range in age from 4 to 8, for at least two years. Three of the children are Lewis' and Curtis is the father of the fourth, Lake County, Ind., authorities said. Curtis and Lewis were charged Wednesday with battery, child molesting, vicarious sexual gratification and neglect of a dependent. If convicted on all of the charges, each could face up to 200 years in prison. The children, two girls and two boys, told investigators they were forced to watch pornographic videos and then perform oral sex or simulated intercourse in front of an audience. During some of the performances, Curtis allegedly had sexual intercourse with one of the girls, who said her mother would accept money from people, who "would start clapping and laughing" at the "shows."

Ex-teacher is charged with child-porn

A Clarendon Hills man returned from a bird-watching vacation Sunday to find his front door open, his house ransacked and his car stolen.

But it wasn't until he called police that 64-year-old Leif Erickson's night truly went bad.

Concerned the burglar might still be in his Harris Avenue home, the former Hinsdale Central High School teacher let officers search the house first. A detective said the officers found not only evidence of a burglary, but also stacks of child pornography.

"It was a crazy thing," said Detective Ted Jenkins of the Clarendon Hills Police Department. Jenkins said Erickson was charged with having child pornography and was taken to the DuPage County jail.

A spokeswoman with Hinsdale Township High School District 86 said Erickson was a teacher at Hinsdale Central from 1964 to 1994, but could not confirm what he taught.

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NORTH SIDE

Cops study link to girl's attacker

A man who allegedly molested a 6-year-old girl in the hallway of a North Side apartment building last week may be the same sexual predator who has abused nearly a dozen girls since 2001, Chicago police said Tuesday.

The girl was assaulted by the man on April 2 shortly before 6 p.m., police said. He allegedly helped her carry her bicycle up the stairway inside the building and then molested her in a hallway before fleeing. In other attacks he also made attempts to befriend the girls before attacking them. Police describe him as a 5-foot-6, 160-pound Hispanic man in his 20s, who has a mustache and red bumps from acne on his face. He rides a black bicycle and usually finds his victims in alleys behind their homes.

Before last week's attack, the last known assault was of a 6-year-old girl in a Logan Square alley behind the victim's house on Jan. 2.

Since August 2001 the man is believed to have fondled girls at least 11 times. Village Discount Outlet stores, scene of five incidents, have offered a $5,000 reward.

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Girl missing; mother rues 'stupid' act

7-year-old feared dead; convicted abuser held

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TAMPA, Fla.—Some days, Kathryn Hartman is overwhelmed by guilt and despair, imagining her 7-year-old daughter floating dead in Old Tampa Bay near the crab traps and the fishing boats.

"How could I be so stupid?" she says. "What was I thinking? Why didn't some sort of instinct kick in?"

Three weeks ago, Hartman let a man she had met two days earlier into her bed, and when morning came, her daughter, Amanda Brown, was gone.

The man, Willie Crain Jr., turned out to be a convicted child molester. He is charged with kidnapping and murdering Amanda.

The girl's body has not been found, but police discovered blood consistent with Amanda's DNA along the toilet rim and on tissue in the toilet at Crain's trailer. They believe Crain dumped her body, perhaps in Old Tampa Bay, where as a commercial fisherman he set his crab traps.

Crain, 52, was jailed without bail. He has said he has no idea what happened to Amanda.

"There is no comparison of what I am now to what I was 14 years ago," he told the St. Petersburg Times before he was charged Thursday. "I was bad back then. I was fighting the world. Now I am a human being."

Hartman, a single mother, had met the crabber at a bar where his daughter worked and invited him to her home. Detectives say he gave Valium tablets to Hartman, telling her it would relieve her back pain, then crawled into bed beside her and Amanda as the woman drifted off to sleep.

Hartman awoke to her alarm clock at 6:12 a.m. and discovered Crain and her daughter gone. At the police station, she learned that Crain had served more than 6 years in prison beginning in 1985 for raping five girls, all roughly her daughter's age.

Hartman says she and her daughter had spent part of the evening at Crain's trailer, where, after getting off the telephone, she realized Crain and Amanda were in his bedroom with the door closed. She says she opened the door and saw Amanda standing between Crain's knees, his arms wrapped around her as he showed her how to use the remote control.

"It just didn't look right," Hartman says. She separated the two and suggested it was time to head home. Crain followed her to her trailer, a mile away in the town of Seffner, just east of Tampa.

"He would not take a hint. Finally, I said, 'Look, we're going to bed. You can lay down on the sofa if you need to sober up,'" she recalls.

She says Crain instead followed them into the bedroom, lying down fully clothed on the bed with her and Amanda. Hartman, tired from the Valium, says she didn't object.

Nation/World

Molesters reassigned amid furor

Minnesota court limits hospitalization of sex offenders

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL—Fourteen-year-old Barbara Iversen was baby-sitting late on a June night in 1965 when Dennis Linehan peeped through the window.

He unscrewed the light bulb near the door, rang the bell, forced the girl into his car and strangled her after she resisted his attempts to rape her.

On Tuesday, Linehan walked out of the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter. He was taken to a house near a prison to live under 24-hour supervision until 1997, when his sentence is up and he could be free.

Originally scheduled to be freed on parole in 1992, Linehan was one of dozens of sexual predators who were committed indefinitely to the state hospital under a 1939 law to prevent their release.

But earlier this year, the state Supreme Court sharply limited that practice, and on Monday the court refused to reconsider the cases of Linehan and another man.

The close monitoring Linehan will receive on the outside did not reassure Barbara's family, which has long fought to keep him behind bars.

"He's going to run, and someone will get hurt," said Sue Iversen, who was 9 when her sister was killed.

Gov. Arne Carlson is calling for a special session of the Legislature to tighten the law that allows the commitment of repeat sex offenders.

In the meantime, nearly 70 other people are confined to the hospital under "psychopathic commitments," and some of them are filing court papers, hoping to get out too.

Critics of the law say it creates a no-man's-land between mental illness and criminality.

The Supreme Court upheld the law by a one-vote margin but narrowed the conditions under which it can be used. The court ruled that Linehan and another sex offender, Peter Rickmyer, should not have been committed because they did not show an "utter lack of power to control sexual impulses."

The dispute comes amid a national furor over what to do about released sex offenders. The uproar was prompted by a number of sensational cases, including the rape-killing of a 7-year-old New Jersey girl, allegedly by a convicted child molester who lived across the street from her.

In the last four years 29 states have passed laws requiring sex offenders to register with the police and that authorities notify residents when a sex offender moves into the neighborhood. Convicted sex offenders have been hounded from their homes in Texas and Washington state.

Linehan confessed to killing Barbara in 1965, and he sexually assaulted another girl in Michigan in 1975 when he escaped from a Minnesota prison. He also threatened that girl in the courtroom, saying he'd be back. Linehan refused to participate in sex offender treatment at St. Peter. Rickmyer has a history of molesting boys.

Because no halfway house would take him, Linehan will live in a former staff home just outside the walls of the state prison in Stillwater.

"Every move Dennis Linehan makes will be under intense scrutiny," the governor said. An officer will be posted inside the house at all times, and an electronic ankle bracelet will let officers know if he tries to leave without an escort.

Rickmyer has been accepted to a halfway house and probably will be transferred there before the end of the week, said his lawyer, John Grzybek.

The sex offenders in the hospital live in a locked unit in St. Peter, a college town of 9,400, behind a double chain-link fence.

Iversen said that's where Linehan should stay.

"He took away [Barbara's] right to life, to be a kid, to be an adult," she said. "Why are we so concerned with his rights?"

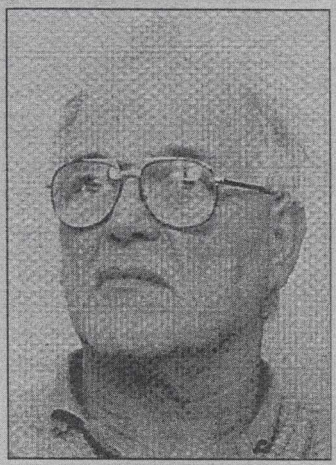
Evil baker who lured little girls

Youngsters given buns then abused

A BAKER lured young girls into his bread van with buns and cakes, then sexually abused them.

To those who fell into his clutches, Anthony Gower, 61, became known as The Childcatcher — like the sinister character who lured children with lollipops in the film Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang.

To parents, Gower was a familiar figure delivering bread in his little white van. But as soon as customers turned their backs the evil paedophile enticed their children inside his vehicle and forced them into a series of vile sex acts.



GOWER: Called 'The Childcatcher'

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He was jailed for five years at the Old Bailey after pleading guilty to attacks on four young girls over a series of 14 years. But his victims and their families were horrified to learn that he could be free again in another three years. A 14-year-old girl sobbed: "I can't believe it. He has ruined my life, ruined my innocence — is that only worth five years?"

His victims agreed to talk about their ordeals, convinced that more girls have yet to come forward.

They were all nine years old when bespectacled Gower began to touch them. But soon his assaults became more depraved.

One girl said she was assaulted 20 times but another told the police it was more than 50.

Known to locals as "Tony the Baker", he did his rounds in the housing estates of Chessington, in Surrey, selling off the last of the day's bread.

He was so trusted that mothers let him pick up children from school.

Yet he once told a girl he was having sex with her mother and if she

by REBECCA ENGLISH

didn't keep quiet her father would leave home, the prosecution said.

Another was told her house would burn down. When his baker's shop closed during the late 1980s, Gower quickly found another outlet for his perversions. He became an odd-job man at the local primary school and was even asked to dress up as Father Christmas.

Explicit

Gower also did odd jobs in local homes. One family became a particular target.

He was accepted by the children as an "adopted uncle". But he used that trust to molest one and her young friend. He showed them explicit pornographic magazines and videos, but said it was "their little secret".

He warned them: "People who tell secrets will go to prison and never see their parents again."

His evil ways came to a halt when his first victim, now 23, came face to face with him outside the primary school in February.

Fearing for the safety of other children, she plucked up the courage to inform the social services, who brought in specially trained child protection officers led by WPC Gill Barratt. She spent weeks scouring the area for more victims.

One girl had never told anyone of her ordeal and collapsed when she found police at her door with a photo of Gower.

One father openly wept. "He has ruined my daughter's innocence," he said. "He was there when my younger daughter was born, bathed her, put her to sleep. He was probably just waiting for her to grow up a bit. It makes me feel sick to think of it.

"God knows how many children around here are victims and too scared to admit it."

WPC Barratt, of Kingston Child Protection Unit, said: "The baker's van was the most cunning and cruel device I have ever come across."

Freed sex killer given a job with schoolgirls

By STEPHEN OLDFIELD

THE sex killer of a 16-year-old girl was allowed by the Parole Board to work as a photographer with schoolgirl models.

Robert Sexton worked with girls as young as 12, despite his conviction for manslaughter and another for indecently assaulting a girl aged 15.

Last night, with Sexton back behind bars following a further indecent assault court appearance, the mother of the girl he strangled reacted with horror.

Mrs Stella Mattinson, of Cleator Moor, Cumbria, said: 'It is unbelievable. What were the Parole Board thinking of?

'To have allowed him into a photographic studio with access to naive, eager-to-please, girls was just inviting disaster.'

Sexton, 43, was jailed for life for the manslaughter of Mrs Mattinson's daughter, Teresa, in 1977. He beat her with an iron bar to make her submit to sex then strangled her.

Five years earlier, he indecently assaulted a 15-year-old girl on the pretext of helping her to obtain modelling work.

But the offences proved no barrier to Sexton finding work as a commercial photographer after his release on licence from prison in 1994. He was employed by Olan Mills Portrait Studio in Bedford before being promoted to manager of its Peterborough branch.

He was found not guilty last week at Cambridge Crown Court of indecently assaulting a 12-year-old girl who he persuaded to pose bra-less in a see-through shirt in her bedroom. The jury accepted his defence argument that he had been 'stupid and foolhardy', but had not committed a crime.

The Parole Board would not discuss his case but confirmed he was recalled to jail after the allegations were made.

Olan Mills was unable to say whether the Parole Board had made them aware of Sexton's past.

Dr Adrian Rogers, director of the Conservative Families' Institute, said last night: 'Someone at the Parole Board has taken leave of their senses to allow him to do this job.'

Danielle murder inquiry officer will not face child porn charges

By **Ben Taylor**

A POLICEMAN suspended on full pay after he was arrested on suspicion of downloading child pornography from the Internet will not face charges and can return to work, it emerged last night.

Detective Constable Chris Lacey – who worked for Essex Police on the Danielle Jones murder inquiry – was held after his credit card details appeared on a list of suspected paedophiles.

The dossier had been passed by American law enforcement agencies to police in the UK who launched Operation Ore to track down and arrest those believed to have paid to access a child abuse website.

Mr Lacey, who is married with one child and is in his 30s, was arrested at his home by Essex Police last September – several weeks after the Ore list had been made available to force chiefs. But a search of his home and a subsequent investigation by Essex Police and the National Crime Squad failed to produce any evidence of pornography.

Victim: Danielle Jones

He is also understood to have flatly denied ever paying to access the site. A file on the case was sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, which ruled that charges should be dropped.

Mr Lacey, of Colchester, Essex, who is on leave, has been told he is free to return to work on restricted duties. But he may still face internal disciplinary proceedings.

An Essex Police spokesman said last night: 'Following a rigorous investigation by Essex Police in conjunction with the National Crime Squad, a report was submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service.

"The CPS have now ruled out a prosecution.'

Mr Lacey, who was based in Colchester, was involved in the hunt for Danielle, 15, who vanished as she walked to school from her home in East Tilbury.

He worked extensively on the inquiry, but is not thought that he came close to her parents, Tony and Linda.

A source said: 'He was more of a foot soldier, following up leads and taking statements but he was in no way at the forefront of the investigation.'

Danielle vanished in June 2001 as she walked from her home to catch the bus to school in nearby Stanford-le-Hope. No trace of her has ever been found.

Last year, Danielle's uncle Stuart Campbell was convicted of her murder and jailed for life.

In August, Detective Constable Brian Stevens – the police liaison officer for the family of murdered Soham schoolgirl Jessica Chapman – was cleared of indecent assault and computer pornography offences at Snaresbrook Crown Court in London.

He was also arrested under Ore in September 2002, but his trial collapsed when the CPS decided to offer no evidence.

Stevens, 42, of March, Cambridgeshire, was last month charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice. CPS clerk Louise Austin, 32, was also charged with the same offence. Both of the charges relate to the collapsed trial.

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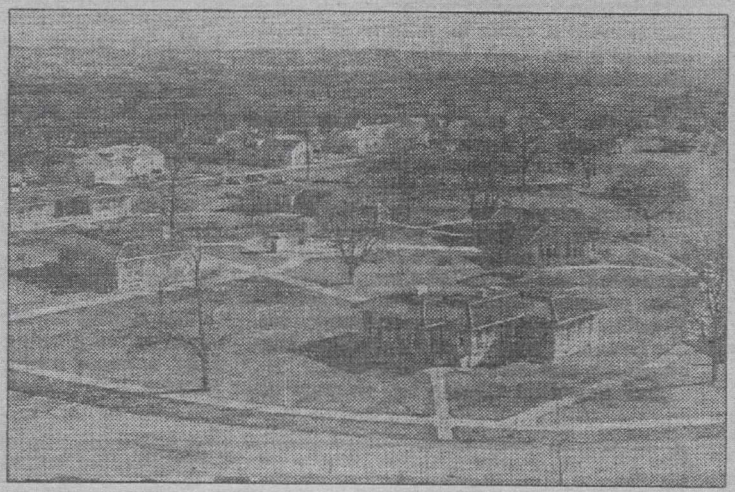
Sex Abuse Alleged At Batavia Orphanage

By Alex Rodriguez
Suburban Reporter



Joseph P. Dinges is a former houseparent at the Mooseheart orphanage, which sits on a 1,200-acre site in Batavia.

Abuse allegations at the sprawling Mooseheart orphanage near Batavia have surfaced again, this time against a former houseparent who allegedly videotaped youths having sex.

Joseph P. Dinges, 39, allegedly taped two boys and two girls having sex in the house he supervised last year, and allegedly fondled two other boys, investigators said Tuesday.

The West Chicago man was charged with five counts of child pornography and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, said Kane County State's Attorney David Akemann.

WMAQ-TV
Joseph P. Dinges

The charges notch another mark against the Mooseheart institution, established 83 years ago to shelter and educate neglected and orphaned children.

Dinges is the seventh houseparent in five years to face accusations of sexually abusing children at Mooseheart, which groups youths into separate houses and hires adults as houseparents to supervise them.

One woman who was 13 when a houseparent sexually abused her in 1978 said Tuesday that Mooseheart hasn't done nearly enough to prevent the abuse from recurring.

"It still is a nightmare," said Laura Moore, now 32 and living in the west suburbs.

"Every time I hear another kid has gotten hurt there, I think, 'Why isn't someone doing something about it?' "

Mooseheart officials would not comment on Dinges' employment, but said they are running more stringent background checks on applicants and seeking college graduates with schooling in child care.

They have also hired a former FBI agent to head security at the campus, said spokesman Jim Prendergast.

Mooseheart fired Dinges in early November after learning of the allegations, said Kane County Sheriff Kenneth Ramsey.

He was arrested Monday at his apartment in West Chicago after a six-month investigation and is being held at the Kane County Jail in Geneva on $75,000 bond.

On at least four occasions between May 1 and Sept. 30, 1995, Dinges allegedly videotaped two boys and two girls between the ages of 13 and 18 having intercourse.

Investigators have been unable to find the videotapes, a source said.

Ramsey said Dinges has no prior record of child abuse or neglect.

At Dinges' apartment building at the 1200 block of King Circle, neighbors described him as a neatly dressed man often seen with a camera slung around his neck.

Mooseheart serves about 278 children—from infants to 18-year-olds—providing shelter and grade school and high school education on a 1,200-acre campus.

It was created by the Loyal Order of Moose fraternal organization to care for children of members who had died or could no longer take care of them.

The last houseparent convicted of sexual abuse was 23-year-old Chad Wahl, who in 1992 was accused of sexually molesting six Mooseheart youths. He is serving 41 years in prison.

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N. Ireland Child Sex Ring Bared

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Londonderry, Northern Ireland — Police in Northern Ireland have uncovered a child sex-abuse ring that they say may involve more than 100 children — the youngest 3 years old — and up to 20 adults.

The police investigation centered on the Creggan housing area in Londonderry, but no details have been released.

The dossier being sent by the Royal Ulster Constabulary to the Northern Ireland Director of Public Prosecutions, containing thousands of pages and standing more than four feet high, deals with activities stretching over the past five or six years and children interviewed as long ago as spring.

According to an official source, the alleged pedophile ring, involving mostly boys aged 8 to 12, has prompted "the biggest child sex-abuse investigation ever in these islands."

Three men are in custody awaiting trial. More than a dozen others have been questioned and released, but officials said more charges are expected. No names were released.

The abuses described in the children's statements include rape, sodomy and group sex. There are also allegations of violence and threats of kidnaping. Women as well as men are named.

At the height of the investigation in April and May, social workers counseling children commandeered the offices of other health services in the city to accommodate the numbers of interviews under way. One source said: "We heard nothing for days but the howls and sobbing of children."

A teacher from a school where many of the reported victims were students says some teachers feel they need counseling, too. "I have found myself in class with tears running down my cheeks," the teacher said. "We are just not qualified to deal with this."

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Trial delay in on-line kidnapping

By Graeme Zielinski
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

The trial of a Florida man accused of abducting a 13-year-old suburban Chicago boy was delayed by at least two days because of what officials called "an incident" at the federal jail where the defendant is being held.

Opening statements were expected Tuesday morning in the trial of Richard Romero, but U.S. District Judge Charles Kocoras postponed the trial until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, according to defense attorneys.

Kocoras would not comment on the delay and said he ordered prosecutors and Romero's defense attorneys not to comment.

Officials at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in the South Loop would only say that they were investigating "an incident" that occurred after Romero's court appearance Monday on charges he kidnapped and intended to molest a Mt. Prospect boy.

Although details of what happened in the jail were scarce, it is not unusual for inmates at any prison who are perceived to be pedophiles, to be attacked by other prisoners.

According to jail spokesman Robert Bryant, Romero remained at the correctional center after the incident. There is a medical facility and doctors on duty there to treat all but seriously injured inmates who are taken to area hospitals.

Romero, 36, is accused of using the Internet to befriend and abduct the Mt. Prospect teen.

Investigators allege Romero subsequently flew to Chicago in March of 1996, and met the boy in a Mt. Prospect hotel before they boarded a bus bound for Florida. Their trip was interrupted by authorities in Louisville where Romero was arrested.

Afterwards, police said, they recovered a cache of child pornography and sexual objects at Romero's St. Petersburg home, as well as computer records of the Brazil native's extensive Internet contact with other boys.

Indiana man found guilty of abducting teenage girl

By Art Barnum
Tribune staff reporter

A DuPage County judge Thursday convicted an Indiana man who became the object of a nationwide manhunt for picking up a 14-year-old girl in Naperville and driving her to California of child abduction but acquitted him of more serious kidnapping charges.

James Copper, 49, of North Judson, Ind., was on trial this week for picking up the girl, a former neighbor whom authorities say he had been sexually abusing in that state for a year, at the city's Riverwalk on Jan. 17, 2000.

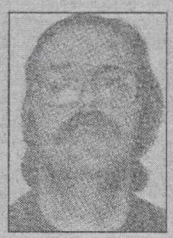
The girl's parents had sent her to live with relatives in Naperville after they became concerned about her relationship with Copper. But he soon found the girl and persuaded her to take off with him.

Copper is expected to be handed over to authorities in Indiana—where he faces numerous sexual abuse charges—shortly after his sentencing hearing set for Sept. 13.

Judge George Bakalis could sentence him to up to 3 years in jail. But Copper has been held in DuPage since a few days after his arrest in California on Jan. 19, 2000. Including time for good behavior, Copper will have already served his sentence for the crime.

Had he been convicted of aggravated kidnapping, Copper could have been sentenced to as many as 30 years in prison. But Bakalis said he was "bound by the law" to find Copper not guilty of the kidnapping charges because Illinois law says 14 is old enough to consent to go somewhere with an adult. The judge determined the girl, who testified at the trial, left voluntarily with Copper.

Under a charge of child abduction, however, a child under age 16 cannot agree to be taken away by an adult. Under the definition of the crime, the adult also must commit an illegal act.


Copper

Bakalis said there was "no doubt in his mind" that Copper has been sexually abusing the girl. But he dismissed sex abuse charges that had been filed by DuPage prosecutors, stating that no alleged abuse took place in Illinois, so Copper couldn't be tried for sex crimes in the state.

Assistant Public Defender Neil Levine argued that Copper was merely helping a runaway girl whom he treated like a daughter. There was little evidence to back her allegations of a yearlong sexual relationship, he said.

Bakalis disagreed.

"There is no question that sex acts did occur, very despicable acts that certainly are abuse," Bakalis said. "She is too young to consent to sexual abuse. But she became enamored with a 47-year old man, perhaps in love, and he shouldn't have started it or perpetuated it."

The girl, who is now 17, originally denied any sexual abuse. But several days after her return from California, she confided the abuse to an Indiana police officer.

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Sex offender held in attempted abduction

A Chicago man who is a registered sex offender was ordered held on $200,000 bond Friday for allegedly attempting to abduct a 12-year-old girl from a picnic at Schiller Woods Forest Preserve, Cook County forest preserve police said. Pedro A. Zalabarria, 51, of the 3800 block of North Broadway, allegedly lunged at the girl July 14, but she fought him off and immediately reported it to police in the area, forest preserve Lt. Michael Albrecht said. Forest preserve Det. Chris Roy and his partner, Officer Tony Lietzow, saw Zalabarria within 30 minutes of the incident and arrested him in the forest preserve, which is on Irving Park between 1st and River.

Murdered Finnish student was on mobile phone as killer attacked her in London street

Mother heard dead girl's cries for help

THIS is the first picture of Finnish student Suvi Aronen, who was killed as she walked home in the London sunshine.

Her cries for help were heard by her mother who had called her mobile phone at the moment she was attacked.

Suvi's mother heard her say in a mixture of Finnish and English: 'Get off, don't hurt me,' before the line went dead. When the student's landlady called the phone minutes later, there were cries and a man's voice was heard before the line was cut off.

Suvi, who spoke good English, was attacked as she walked home from the University of East London on Thursday. Her body was discovered in undergrowth near the A12 in Wanstead, East London, on Friday.

By **Rachel Ellis**

The 23-year-old is at least the fifth young woman to be found murdered in London and the South of England whose killers are still on the loose. The others are jogger Margaret Muller, 27, student Marsha McDonnell, 19, and schoolgirls Hannah Foster, 17, and Milly Dowler, 13.

Yesterday police warned women to be extra vigilant after it emerged Suvi was killed an hour after three other women were attacked in the same area of East London.

Police yesterday revealed that in two other attacks in the area, a white man with short, ginger hair had grabbed women and either stole or tried to steal their handbags. In the third attack, an 80-year-old woman managed to escape after she bit the attacker's hand. Detective Chief Superintendent Jon Shatford, who is leading the murder investigation, said: 'I am working on the assumption that the three attacks on women just prior to when Suvi was last known to be alive are linked.

'It is important for everyone in the area, particularly women, to be vigilant and conscious of their surroundings. I am also anxious to hear if any other women have been approached over the preceding days.'

VICTIM: Suvi Aronen is the fifth woman to be killed in a series of attacks which has baffled police

SOUTH SIDE

Kids coach charged in molestation cases

A 32-year-old man from South Side Chicago who coached a children's softball team in the Englewood neighborhood has been charged with molesting seven boys who played on the team, prosecutors said Monday.

Saying he believed the man was a "real and present danger" to the community, Cook County Criminal Judge Kevin Sheehan denied bond for the suspect, Michael Manual of the 1100 block of West 61st Street.

Prosecutors said Manual, who founded the Englewood Falcons softball team, molested the boys, ages 10 to 15, in two separate abandoned buildings on the South Side between June and August.

The boys would arrive individually to a building near 61st and Carpenter Streets, or to a building in the 6100 block of South Aberdeen Street, where the defendant was allegedly sitting on a chair, a prosecutor told the judge Monday.

The suspect would then perform a sex act on the child, the prosecutor said.

One of the victims was 15 years old, two were 13, two were 12, one was 11 and another was 10.

Manual was charged with four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault and three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

He is due in court on Sept. 18.

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U.S. peacekeeper gets life in prison

Slain Kosovo girl's dad says, 'We have seen justice work'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WUERZBURG, Germany—A U.S. soldier who admitted killing an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl while on peacekeeping duty in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A U.S. military court of officers issued the maximum sentence to Staff Sgt. Frank Ronghi, 36, of Niles, Ohio. Ronghi admitted Friday to charges of murder, forcible sodomy and indecent acts in the death of Merita Shabiu in January.

"We are simple people, but we have seen justice work," the girl's father, Hamdi Shabiu, said afterward. With his distraught wife, Remzije, at his side, he added that while satisfied with the verdict, the family would never forgive Ronghi.

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"I never did anything wrong before," he said. "I know what I did was very wrong. That's why I pleaded guilty."

The six-officer panel deliberated for less than an hour before returning the verdict. In addition to prison, Ronghi was reduced in rank, forfeited all pay and allowances and was dishonorably discharged.

The slain girl's parents and two of her siblings, Kirnete and Sami, traveled from Kosovo to testify in the case. Earlier Tuesday, the parents told the court about how they fled from Serb persecution in the province—and how relieved they felt at being able to return home under the protection of NATO forces.

None of the family's six children felt more reassured by the international presence than 11-year-old Merita, Shabiu said.

"She was very happy. ... She thought they had come to protect us," he said.

In the months before NATO's war to force Serbs out of Kosovo, the Shabiu family had joined the exodus of ethnic Albanians to Macedonia, 25 miles away. They returned to Kosovo after NATO's air campaign was halted on June 15, 1999.

"She survived only to meet her death at the hands of the man who should have protected her," the chief prosecutor, Maj. Alten Gawaltney, told the court.

Merita was home alone with Kirnete, her 14-year-old sister, and Sami, her 9-year-old brother, on the morning of Jan. 13 when Ronghi knocked at their apartment door. Prosecutors said Ronghi had entered the building to find a woman with whom he had been flirting.

The girls grew uncomfortable at Ronghi's presence and left him alone with their brother. But as Ronghi was leaving the building, he encountered Merita.

"She followed him into the basement because she trusted him," Gawaltney said.

The prosecution described the sexual assault, and said Ronghi killed her to stop her screaming. "The process lasted about two minutes," Gawaltney said.

Ronghi then put her body in UN food sacks, hid it under the stairs, covered bloodstains on the floor with flour and returned to his platoon. He later buried the body beneath the snow on a nearby hilltop.

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Jailed sex attacker sues

by RAJEEV SYAL

A PSYCHOPATH who was jailed indefinitely after committing horrific sexual assaults has launched a legal bid for freedom under the Human Rights Act.

Peter Oates, a paedophile who was told that he would remain in hospital for life after committing sexual assaults at knifepoint, has issued a writ against Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Trust. He is claiming that he should be free and is seeking £15,000 in damages for stress.

The case has outraged MPs, coming only days after a judge said that Sarah Payne's murderer should spend the rest of his life in jail.

Ann Widdecombe, the Tory MP for Maidstone and the Weald, said the court action exposed another flaw in the Human Rights Act. "This is quite horrific," she said. "It will lead to huge public expenditure which is probably unnecessary. Our first concern should be the protection of children."

Peter Oates: claims human rights have been breached

Oates was first convicted in 1982 of taking indecent pictures of young children. He later served three years for kidnapping a boy at knifepoint. He was released in 1992, but weeks later he imprisoned and sexually assaulted a young man at knifepoint. The judge in the case said Oates was so dangerous that he should be locked up "without limit of time". He was sent to Broadmoor, but is currently held at Chadwick Lodge, a medium-secure unit near Milton Keynes, Bucks.

High Court papers issued by Oates claim that a mental health tribunal agreed last year that he could be released once he had been found suitable accommodation and been allocated a medical officer, social worker and psychologist.

Oates alleges that the trust's representatives failed to attend meetings and case conferences assessing his mental health. He says that his human rights have been breached because he has not been given adequate care and should have been released.

A spokesman for the health trust said the claim was being defended. "We are aware of this case and are prepared to fight it in the High Court," she said.

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Child murder suspect may be Chicago-bound

Philadelphia girl may be his victim

8/29/00 Sun-Times

BY MAUREEN O'DONNELL
STAFF REPORTER

Philadelphia police are worried that a suspected killer of a 5-year-old girl may be riding the rails toward Chicago.

Ariana DeJesus was abducted from in front of her Philadelphia home July 29 and found dead Aug. 3 in a building a block away, sexually assaulted and strangled.

The suspect, who goes by Carlo or Carlos, told associates he was Honduran and heading to Chicago, Philadelphia homicide Det. Joseph Bamberski said. He may be hiding out in a Latino community in Chicago or along railroads, Bamberski said.

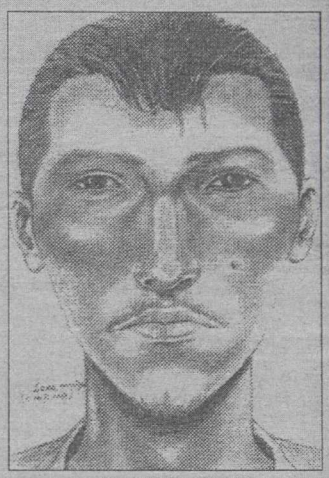
"Wherever this guy is, whatever community he is in, children are at risk," he said. "I do not think this is the first time [he has killed]."

Last month, the suspect befriended a Philadelphia couple from the Dominican Republic whom he met on the street. He told them he had mistakenly exited a freight train in Philadelphia when he actually meant to ride the train all the way to Chicago, where he had a cousin, Bamberski said.

The couple let him stay in a building they owned in exchange for labor. A few days later, the building owner gave him a key.

"Within two hours of that happening, the little girl was kidnapped off the street," brought to the building and killed, Bamberski said.

The man is light-skinned, 22-28 years old but appearing much younger, about 5-foot-4 and 130 pounds. He has a surgical scar on the left side of his neck, a mustache, light goatee and a mole or bump on the right side of his face. He may speak some English, police said.



This man is believed to have kidnapped and assaulted a girl.

Several days after the man disappeared, the girl's body was found hidden in the building. Police said they recovered his clothing with the victim's blood.

Philadelphia police said anyone who spots the suspect should call his or her local police department.

GI gets life for killing girl

Crime committed on duty in Kosovo

By George Boehmer
Associated Press

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Admitted guilt

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Afraid to resist abduction, teen girl says

Courtroom hears account of disappearance in 2000

By Dan Rozek
Staff Reporter

A teenager who disappeared from Naperville's Riverwalk 2½ years ago testified Tuesday that she didn't resist her former neighbor, charged with kidnapping her, because she didn't think he was serious when he said they were going to California.

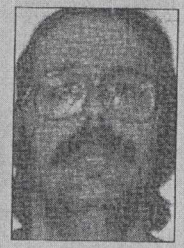
"At first I thought he was joking," the girl, now 17, said as the trial of James Copper, 49, began in DuPage County.

But the teenager—who was 14 when she vanished on Jan. 17, 2000—said she was too afraid to escape or resist when she realized he really intended to drive her to California.

"I was scared. I didn't know what would happen," the slender, dark-haired teen testified, her voice shaking slightly. "I didn't think he would turn around."

The girl's disappearance touched off a nationwide police search that ended two days later when Copper and the girl were stopped near Fontana, Calif., by a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy making a traffic stop.

DuPage County prosecutors allege Copper began sexually abusing the girl more than a year before the alleged abduction, when their families lived near each other in North Judson, Ind. During the two days the girl was missing, Copper had sex with her several times in hotels in Missouri and Utah, prosecutors contended.



James Copper
Defendant

Copper is charged with aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping, child abduction, and indecent solicitation of a child. The most serious charge, aggravated kidnapping, carries a maximum 30-year prison term.

Already a convicted sex offender, Copper still faces child molestation charges in Starke County, Ind., for allegedly having sexual contact with the girl while they lived in North Judson.

The girl's family had sent her to live with a relative in Naperville less than a month before the purported kidnapping because they were suspicious of the relationship between Copper and the teenager, who was the best friend of Copper's daughter.

Copper's attorney, however, insists no kidnapping occurred.

"She was not abducted, she ran away," said assistant public defender Neal Levine, contending the teenager initially denied to police that there had been sexual contact between her and Copper during the two days she was missing.

Just days before the girl vanished, Copper e-mailed the girl, then arranged a meeting on Naperville's downtown Riverwalk for Jan. 17, authorities said. The teen testified that Copper was distraught that she had moved and threatened to commit suicide if she didn't meet with him.

"I thought it would be my fault if he committed suicide," she told DuPage County Judge George Bakalis, who is hearing the case without a jury.

When the girl arrived for the meeting, Copper—who had brought his daughter with him—persuaded the teen to get into his car. It was only after he drove to south suburban Steger and dropped off his daughter that Copper told the teenager they were going to California, prosecutors said.

"She was scared, she was put on the spot. This was an authority figure to her," said assistant state's attorney Alex McGimpsey, who with Cathy Nusgart is prosecuting Copper. "In her mind, she really didn't have a choice."

Prosecutors also argued that the girl was too young to give consent to leaving the state with Copper even if she had wanted to go with him.

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Judge refuses to increase bail in kidnap case

But suspect told to wear monitor

By Art Barnum
Tribune staff reporter

A DuPage County judge refused Thursday to increase the $250,000 bail of a Glendale Heights man charged with abducting an 8-year-old Wheaton girl last weekend, but the judge did order that the suspect's whereabouts be monitored electronically.

Nam H. "Andy" Ly, 22, of the 200 block of Shorewood Drive was ordered to wear an electronic ankle bracelet that would allow law-enforcement officials to ensure his presence at the apartment he shares with his family.

Prosecutors filed a new charge of aggravated kidnapping against Ly and asked Circuit Judge Ann Jorgensen to increase his bail to $1 million. But Jorgensen said the original bail had to remain in effect until prosecutors could offer new evidence that wasn't available when Judge Thomas Riggs set the initial figure Monday.

Ly allegedly abducted the girl Sunday evening from a Wheaton park. He was charged with kidnapping after Wheaton police located the girl early Monday, dressed only in Ly's T-shirt, hiding in bushes outside his apartment building, according to authorities.

The girl's sister has said they met Ly during the summer and had gone to places with him after getting permission from their mother or adult relatives.

But Sunday he did not have permission to take the girl, officials have said.

After posting bail Tuesday, Ly was released from jail.

In an emergency motion filed Wednesday, Assistant State's Atty. Jane Radostits added the charge of aggravated kidnapping, a more serious category of crime. It requires prosecutors to show that other crimes were committed during the kidnapping. It also carries a mandatory prison sentence, while kidnapping alone allows for a sentence of probation.

Jorgensen said the latest charges are based on the same facts as the kidnapping, and she could not increase the bail.

Donald Ramsell, Ly's attorney, fought the requested increase but said he had no problem with the ankle bracelet.

Ramsell contended the girl often was left unsupervised late into the evening and that Ly was never alone with her and never did anything illegal with her. Ly did take the girl for doughnuts and to a video arcade, Ramsell said, but Ly's family was always present.

Ramsell's comments elicited a sharp response from Radostits. "It is an outrage and a disgrace that he blames the victim or her mother," she said.

Radostits told the judge that evidence will show Ly had the girl drink from a soda can that contained alcohol. She also said police believe the girl was in a bed with Ly while he was wearing only underwear and she was wearing only a T-shirt.

Medical evidence taken at a local hospital indicated the girl had amphetamines in her system, officials said.

Life for US soldier who killed child

A US soldier on peacekeeping duty in Kosovo was sentenced to life in jail without the possibility of parole after he admitted raping and killing an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl.

Staff-Sergeant Frank Ronghi had boasted to fellow soldiers that he planned to "grab a little girl and rape her, but he would have to kill her to get away with it and blame the Serbs", the prosecutor in a military court in Würzburg, Germany said.

Ronghi said he regretted what he had done and the disgrace he had brought on the US army. "I don't know what went wrong that day. I'm still trying to look for answers myself," he told the jury of six US army officers.

Wiping away tears, the girl's father, Hamdi Shabiu, told the court how, like many other ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, his daughter had welcomed the Nato-led peacekeepers when they arrived in the province.

"She was very happy because she thought they had come to protect us. How do you do th to someone? He massacred n daughter," Mr Shabiu told tl court.

The defence argued th Ronghi's environment Kosovo might have co tributed to his crime.

They noted that there ha been a number of incidents excessive violence committe by US soldiers in Kosovo well as beatings and u authorised interrogations ethnic Albanians, which the said could have led to a "neg tive command climate".

A weapons squad leader i the 3rd battalion of the 504t Parachute Infantry Regimen Ronghi also pleaded guilty t indecent acts with a child.

He was arrested in Kosov after the bruised and lacerate body of Marita Shabiu wa found in woodland outside th town of Vitina on January 13

The army said last mont that if found guilty, Rongh would serve his term at military prison in For Leavenworth, Kansas. *Reuter Würzburg*

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'House parent' tied to abuse

Mooseheart staffer charged in assaults on 7 boys at school

By Dan Rozek
Staff Reporter

Before being hired as a live-in "house parent" at Mooseheart Child City near Batavia, Jonathan D. Scott passed two psychological evaluations, had his background and fingerprints checked and made it through an intensive series of interviews, officials of the residential youth center said Wednesday.

Now, three years later, Scott, 29, stands accused of sexually abusing seven young boys at the residential school for children from troubled or broken families. Scott has been charged with fondling or performing sex acts on boys as young as 6 years old and as old as 12.

Jonathan Scott
Passed screening

The abuse began in January 2001 and lasted until two weeks ago, when one of the boys, who no longer lives at Mooseheart, came forward, Kane County State's Attorney Meg Gorecki said in announcing a 21-count indictment Wednesday against Scott.

Scott, arrested Tuesday, is charged with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and 19 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He remains in the Kane County Jail, unable to post $750,000 bail.

Mooseheart administrators said they were "distraught" over the charges. They said they had tightened screening and supervision of staffers after a string of sexual-abuse charges between 1989 and 1997.

Six staffers were convicted in that period of sexually abusing children living at the center, which is owned and operated by the Loyal Order of Moose fraternal organization.

The charges against Scott show how difficult it is to protect children, Mooseheart operations director Bobby Gilliam said.

"It tells us that this is a major problem in any program," Gilliam said. "Where there's children involved, there's always a high risk for predatory individuals to get involved."

But he defended the way that Mooseheart screens its staff, which includes about 100 live-in faculty members who oversee about 235 children living there.

"We think we have a state-of-the-art evaluation system and a No. 1 supervision system," Gilliam said.

Of the charges against Scott, he said he "cannot comprehend how such actions could occur within our child-care environment."

Screening procedures—which include background checks and two psychological tests—ruled out 14 of the 93 applicants who sought the live-in positions at the school last year, Gilliam said.

Authorities would not say where the alleged abuse took place or if it involved any of the eight to 10 youngsters for whom Scott, along with four other house parents, was directly responsible.

Neither Mooseheart nor Kane County authorities would say where Scott worked before coming to Mooseheart.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services—which licenses Mooseheart but not its employees—had no previous contact with Scott but has opened an investigation into the abuse allegations against him, agency spokesman Andy Martinez said.

Scott hired prominent Kane County lawyer David Camic to defend him. Camic wouldn't discuss Scott's background, except to say he has no previous arrests or convictions.

Camic also would not respond to the charges, saying only, "We are going to investigate the case carefully and respond accordingly."

Mooseheart officials said they plan to work with authorities to determine whether the organization needs to change the way it screens or reviews house parents and other staffers.

"Although I think our system is a wonderful system of checks and balances, we will be looking at every possible other way to protect the lives of these children," Gilliam said.

Gorecki said police and prosecutors have interviewed "dozens" of other kids at the center, as they try to determine whether any more children had been abused.

"The investigation will continue," Gorecki said.

Past attacks led to tighter screening

For 89 years, Mooseheart Child City near Batavia has provided a home for children from troubled or unstable families, but it also has a history of sexual abuse by staff members.

Since 1989, six Mooseheart staffers have been convicted of sexually abusing children at the 1,200-acre residential center and school. The most serious previous case was revealed in 1992, when Chad Wahl, a 24-year-old Mooseheart staffer, was arrested for abusing six boys at the home. Wahl was sentenced to 41 years in prison.

Since the most recent arrest, in 1997, Mooseheart administrators said they have improved hiring and screening procedures. One change was the addition of a twice-a-year safety survey in which children are asked, in confidence, if any staffers have abused or assaulted them.

Mooseheart is owned and operated by the Loyal Order of Moose fraternal organization. It originally served only children of families who belonged to the Moose organization, but since 1994, it has been open to all children, the fraternal group says.

Children can come to the center if their parents are separated or divorced, or if their families face severe financial problems. About 230 children from 2 months old to 18 years old live there. More than 10,000 children have stayed at Mooseheart since it was founded in 1913, the group says.

Dan Rozek

Convictions for killing dad overturned

Judge calls prosecution of Florida boys 'bizarre'

By Bill Kaczor

PENSACOLA, Fla.—A judge Thursday threw out the convictions of two boys, ages 13 and 14, in the slaying of their father, who was bludgeoned with a baseball bat as he slept.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell said the boys' rights were violated by the "unusual and bizarre" way prosecutors simultaneously argued two contradictory theories of the crime.

Prosecutors won the conviction of Alex and Derek King last month by arguing that Derek swung the bat.

But in a trial that ended a week earlier, they argued that an adult friend of the boys committed the crime.

The judge said he will order a new trial for the boys, and in the meantime will encourage the prosecution and defense to work out a deal.

The brothers were facing prison terms of 20 years to life because they were tried as adults. They were convicted of second-degree murder without a weapon, as well as arson, for setting the house on fire to cover the crime.

"We're all ecstatic," said Linda Walker, the boys' maternal grandmother. "I saw Derek smile. I think they're happy about it. Now they know they've got hope."

Derek King

Alex King

Boys faced 20 years to life

The brothers' lawyers argued that prosecutor David Rimmer committed prosecutorial misconduct for pursuing the contradictory theories.

The boys' adult friend, convicted child molester Ricky Chavis, was acquitted, but his verdict was sealed until the boys' trial was over.

Jurors in the boys' trial said that they believed Chavis was the real killer and that the brothers had only helped him commit the crime.

Rimmer defended his handling of the two trials. He said he never actually argued Chavis was the killer, and instead left it to jurors to decide.

Christopher Slobogin, a law professor at the University of Florida, said the judge made the right decision. He said the judge recognized a need to rectify an appearance of injustice, if not actual injustice, in the way prosecutors pursued conflicting cases.

"To many people, that smacked of risking inconsistent verdicts and allowing convictions when in fact there really wasn't proof beyond a reasonable doubt of guilt," the professor said.

Alex was 12 and Derek 13 last November when their father was killed in nearby Cantonment. Terry King, 40, was clubbed in the head with an aluminum baseball bat as he dozed in a recliner.

Prosecutors said the boys did it because their father was too controlling and they wanted to live with Chavis, who let them smoke marijuana and stay up late watching television.

Before Thursday's hearing, jury forewoman Lynne Schwarz said at a courthouse rally that she never thought the verdict would result in prison time for the boys.

"We always thought that there was going to be some kind of rehabilitation, that the boys were going to be taken somewhere where they could have a new life and learn to be productive citizens," said Schwarz, 52. "We never thought that these boys committed the crime. Never."

Jurors were shocked when they found out a separate jury had acquitted Chavis a week before the boys were tried.

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Acapulco child-sex case leads to man's arrest in Peotone

By David Heinzmann
Tribune staff reporter 8/30/2

An Indiana man who allegedly ran a child-sex operation at a Mexican hotel for more than a year was arrested this week in Peotone, according to U.S. Customs Service officials.

Timothy Julian, 47, of Dyer, Ind., owned and operated the hotel in Acapulco from 1998 to mid-1999, where American patrons are alleged to have paid up to $1,000 a week to have sex with boys as young as 8.

Julian was arrested Monday at a relative's home in Peotone, customs officials said. He had been indicted Aug. 21 on federal charges of travel with intent to engage in sexual acts with a juvenile and transportation of a juvenile for the purposes of engaging in sexual activity.

If convicted, Julian faces at least 25 years in prison, according to customs officials.

Investigators said Julian opened the Castillo Vista del Mar in Acapulco in 1998 as a "bed-and-breakfast type hotel" with four guest rooms.

"Male minors were paid to have sex with adult males from the United States," customs officials said in a news release. "Julian charged customers up to $1,000 a week, which included lodging and the minor of their choice."

Most, if not all, of the boys were homeless and lived on the streets of Acapulco, said Elissa Brown, customs special agent in charge in Chicago. It was difficult for Mexican authorities to count how many children may have been involved at the hotel because they had no permanent addresses, she said.

Julian owned the hotel and incorporated it as an Illinois business, Brown said. He stayed in Dyer while another Indiana man, Robert W. Decker, ran the hotel, she said.

The investigation began when a customs investigative unit, which searches the Internet for sex crimes, found references to the Castillo Vista del Mar in chat rooms, Brown said.

Mexican federal police kept the hotel under surveillance and arrested Decker last year. He was charged with child pornography in a deal that had him testify against Julian before a federal grand jury, Brown said.

Suspect sought in N. Side sexual assault

The Chicago Police Department is searching for an alleged North Side child molester accused of assaulting an 11-year-old boy whom he abducted from a schoolyard Wednesday morning.

The suspect approached the boy as he was preparing to enter the Douglass School at 543 N. Waller at around 9 a.m. The suspect called out to the boy and motioned for him to come closer but the young man refused, police said.

The victim then tried to run away from the suspect but he grabbed him and began pulling him into an alley in the 5700 block of North Race. The suspect also displayed a knife to his young victim. Once in the alley, the suspect sexually assaulted his victim.

Following the attack, the suspect fled the scene heading West bound on Race Avenue. Once help arrived, the young victim was taken to West suburban Hospital where he was treated and released.

The man police are looking for is described as a white male with fair skin about 6'1". He is said to weigh approximately 150 pounds with blond hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

— Robert E. Smith

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Kidnap suspect put on monitor

Judge rules out higher bond after charge is upgraded

By Dan Rozek
Staff Reporter

A Glendale Heights man accused of abducting an 8-year-old girl won't have to return to jail but will have to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet that alerts authorities if he leaves his home, a DuPage County judge ruled Thursday.

Prosecutors had asked that bail be raised to $1 million for 22-year-old Nam "Andy" Ly after they filed an upgraded kidnapping charge against him in the Sunday night disappearance of the Wheaton girl. The child vanished from a neighborhood park but was found safe about seven hours later, cowering in bushes outside Ly's apartment, wearing only his T-shirt.

Nam "Andy" Ly
Could get 6 yrs.

Ly has been free since he was released Tuesday from the DuPage County Jail after posting $25,000—10 percent of the $250,000 bail originally set when he was arrested. Prosecutors at that time wanted his bail set at $500,000.

Arguing that Ly poses a threat if he is free, prosecutors Thursday filed a new, more serious charge of aggravated kidnapping against him, then returned to court to seek a $1 million bail that would force his return to jail. That new charge, filed because the child was less than 13 years old, carries a minimum six-year prison term.

Ly originally was charged with kidnapping, which could be punished by probation.

Judge Ann Jorgensen, however, refused to raise Ly's bail, saying that even with the new charge, little else in the case has changed since Judge Thomas Riggs set Ly's bail after his Monday arrest.

"The only difference is the defendant is now put on notice he's facing a non-probationable offense," Jorgensen said, adding that while the $250,000 bail is "not what this court would have set," she wouldn't overrule another judge based on the information she had about Ly.

But Jorgensen ordered Ly to wear an electronic monitor. It will sound an alarm if he leaves his home, although she allowed him to leave his apartment to go to work at a Lombard nail salon. Ly, a Vietnamese immigrant who has been in the United States for about 10 years, also was ordered to surrender his passport and to avoid any contact with the victim or other children.

"I think obviously the community would be safer if he were incarcerated, but at least there's some conditions on his bond to ensure public safety," prosecutor Jane Radostits said after the judge's ruling.

Authorities say they suspect Ly drugged the girl—possibly with alcohol or amphetamines given to her in a soft drink—and may have planned to sexually assault her. During Thursday's hearing, they contended that Ly, wearing only his undershorts, at one point lay on a bed in his apartment with the girl, who wore only a T-shirt.

Ly's attorney, Donald Ramsell, disputed that allegation and argued Ly was never alone with the girl, whom he knew slightly. At least four other adults were in the apartment with Ly when he was there with the girl, Ramsell said, arguing that the child didn't want to go home "because she was afraid she was in trouble" for being gone so long.

Child-porn law is struck down by B.C. judge

Criminal Code ban on possession violates Charter of Rights, ruling says

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The British Columbia Supreme Court has struck down a section of the Criminal Code that outlaws the possession of child pornography, ruling that the law violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"The invasion of freedom of expression and personal privacy is profound," Mr. Justice Duncan Shaw wrote in a 33-page judgment released yesterday

"The intrusion into freedom of expression and the right of privacy is so profound that it is not outweighed by the limited beneficial effects of the prohibition."

The judgment is binding only in British Columbia, but other provinces can look to it for guidance. Geoffrey Gaul, a spokesman for Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh, said the province will decide next week whether to appeal.

Police in B.C. said they are concerned about the decision.

"The consensus in the law-enforcement community is that child pornography is a serious issue," said RCMP Sergeant Russ Grabb. "However, Charter rights are paramount in this country."

The judgment stems from a case against a Vancouver man, John Robin Sharpe, who faced four charges stemming from two arrests.

In the first case, Canada Customs officials seized computer disks titled *Sam Paloc's Flogging, Fun and Fortitude*, and *A Collection of Kiddie Kink Classics*. The next spring, police raided Mr. Sharpe's home and seized books, manuscripts, stories and photographs.

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PRIVATE PURPOSES

"First and foremost, the invasion of freedom of expression and personal privacy is profound.

"Further, the prohibition extends to all persons including those who make no harmful use of pornography. The prohibition also includes pedophiles, who, instead of preying on children, use pornography for very private purposes, such as relief from their affliction by masturbation.

"As noted earlier, sexually explicit pornography is used to relieve pent-up sexual tension of otherwise potential aggressors. Whether or not this cathartic effect outweighs the harm caused by the possession of pornography is not known, but it is nonetheless a significant factor to take into account.

"The ban includes 'mildly erotic' pornography . . . although the evidence indicates that 'mildly erotic' pornography has the effect of reducing sexual aggressions against children."

— Mr. Justice **Duncan Shaw**

B.C. judge strikes down child-pornography law

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Mr. Sharpe was charged with two counts of possessing child pornography and two counts of possession for the purpose of distributing and selling the material.

Mr. Sharpe represented himself in court, arguing that both sets of charges violated his constitutional rights.

The Crown presented evidence that children are abused during the manufacture of pornographic material. The court also heard from an expert that child pornography perpetuates an illegal and immoral assumption that child-adult sex can be natural and does not harm children.

Judge Shaw held that a person's private home and belongings, such as books, diaries, pictures and clothes, are an important expression of an individual's identity. To prohibit an individual from possessing child pornography is too great an intrusion on individual freedom, he ruled.

To forbid an individual to simply possess pornography singles out collectors who are simply interested in pornography, but who don't harm anyone, the judge ruled.

He also held that other sections of the Criminal Code protect children from abuse and exploitation arising from pornography.

In striking down the Criminal Code provision against possession, Judge Shaw also appeared to agree with a theory that sexual aggressors or pedophiles use child pornography to masturbate and "relieve pent-up sexual tension" instead of preying on children, thereby posing less of a threat to them.

"Whether or not this cathartic effect outweighs the harm caused by the possession of pornography is not known, but it is nonetheless a significant factor to take into account."

However, Judge Shaw ruled that laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of child pornography still stand.

Pornography critics were angered by the decision, arguing that the possession of child pornography is not a harmless act.

Shari Graydon, executive director of MediaWatch, a group monitoring depictions of women and girls in the media, said allowing individuals to possess child pornography is tantamount to condoning the sexual exploitation of children.

"The very existence of pornography featuring children, on some level, condones and normalizes and makes acceptable the sexual objectification of children, which most people will categorically agree is not appropriate and is not acceptable and should not be condoned."

Possession of child pornography is an offence under the Criminal Code. Convicted individuals face up to five years in jail.

THE CHILD-PORN PROVISION

The section of Canada's Criminal Code struck down yesterday by the Supreme Court of British Columbia in R. v. Sharpe:

Section 163.4 — Every person who possesses any child pornography is guilty of

(a) an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years; or

(b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.

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AP photo

Teen sentenced: Lori Duniver fixes her eyes on a 13-year-old boy Wednesday as he is led from a New Philadelphia juvenile court. The boy was sentenced to remain in custody until he is 21 for the stabbing death last June of Duniver's 5-year-old daughter, Devan.

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Village official dismissed over child porn case

Images found on office computer

BY BECKY BEAUPRE
SUBURBAN REPORTER

Arlington Heights' longtime director of public works was fired Tuesday, a day after he was charged with having child pornography on two village-owned computers.

More than 10,000 sexually explicit images were found on computers used by Allen J. Sander, though not all were of children, police and prosecutors said.

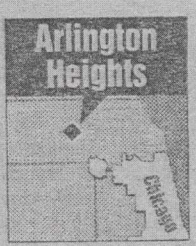
"I was disappointed, disgusted and angry," Village Manager Bill Dixon said Tuesday.

The images, some of which include teens and preteens in sexually explicit poses or engaged in sex acts, appear to have been downloaded from the Internet, Assistant State's Attorney Nancy Wilder said. Experts are still reviewing the images.

But Sander's attorney, Tom Breen, suggested that Sander may not have been the one to download the images. He said his client would plead not guilty at a May 8 court hearing.

"This is so easily plucked from the Internet," Breen said, noting that people other than Sander had access to the computers. "He is terribly embarrassed for anything that may have shown up on his computer that embarrasses the people of Arlington Heights."

Allen J. Sander
Public works chief



The images were discovered March 27 on a computer in Sander's private office at the public works building by a village employee installing computer hardware. Police said they later searched Sander's Arlington Heights home and found pornographic images on a second village-owned computer.

Dixon said it appears that Sander, 58, was not authorized to have that computer at home. But Dixon said it is common for department heads to use village computers to work at home and he did not accuse Sander of theft.

Sander, who is married and has two grown daughters, has worked for the village since May, 1967, when he was hired as an engineer. He has been public works director since 1980 and, until now, was in good standing with the village, Dixon said.

Sander oversaw about 140 employees and was paid about $85,000 a year. If he is convicted, he could receive a maximum of five years in prison.

Dixon said the village is considering installing software that would monitor Internet use on its computers. He said the village is reluctant to block out Web sites because the health department uses some sites that would be banned.

Sex offender arrested again

Police say cabdriver gave kids rides

By John Carpenter
Crime Reporter

A taxi driver who is a convicted sex offender was arrested in Riverside after he told police he had been transporting local schoolchildren.

Charles Ferriera, 36, of the 4200 block of Conrad in Lyons, was taken into custody last week after the cab he was driving was in a traffic accident in front of Riverside-Brookfield High School.

There are no allegations that Ferriera had any inappropriate physical contact with any children. But police say he violated the terms of his parole by being within 1,000 feet of a school and by giving rides to children in his cab.

No passenger was in the cab during the accident, but a police officer detected an odor of marijuana and checked Ferriera's background, discovering that he was a registered convicted sex offender, Riverside Police Detective Sgt. Tom Weitzel said.

Ferriera worked for O-G Cab Co. in Lyons, according to police reports. He told police he had spent the morning transporting Riverside Elementary District 96 children between schools in the district, as well as from their homes to schools, Weitzel said.

O-G Cab Co. has a contract with District 96 to transport students, District 96 Supt. David Bonnette said. That contract requires the cab company to conduct criminal background checks on any drivers who transport students, Bonnette said, adding that he would review the case.

It is not known whether the students he transported were being transported as part of the school contract.

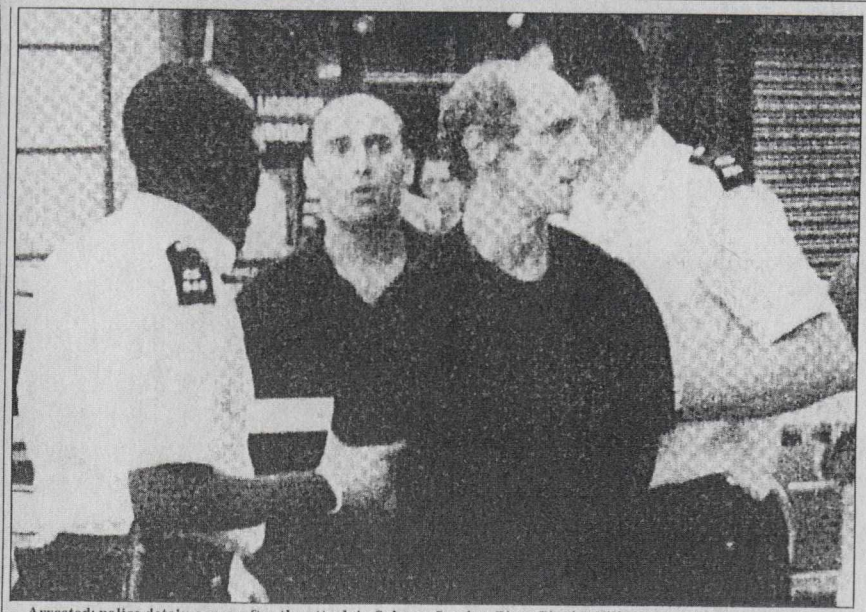
Bob Sendelbaugh, spokesman for O-G Cab Co., acknowledged that Ferriera worked for the company, but said Ferriera did not transport any schoolchildren that morning. Sendelbaugh added that he was unaware of Ferriera's criminal background because Ferriera "falsified his application to drive for us."

Weitzel said Ferriera's "pickup sheet," which indicates the fares he handled, showed that he had transported students.

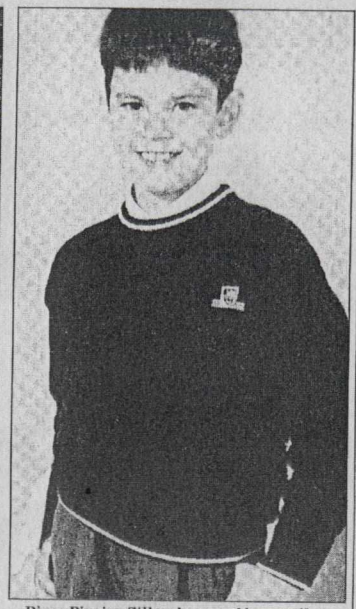
Ferriera was convicted in 1995 of aggravated criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse to a minor, Weitzel said. He was sentenced to six years in prison and was paroled April 17, 1998, according to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The accident took place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when Ferriera allegedly pulled out of a parking spot and hit a car. He was charged with improper lane usage and failure to yield properly while merging in traffic.

He is also charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.



Arrested: police detain a man after the attack in Soho on Sunday. Diego Pineiro-Zillar was stabbed about 20 times



Diego Pineiro-Zillar: harassed by a stalker

Murdered boy had feared stalker

Mother of 12-year-old stabbed in Soho said he had been harassed and needed protection, reports **Caroline Davies**

THE parents and teachers of a 12-year-old boy stabbed to death in London's Soho district were so worried about a man said to be stalking him that they set up strict measures to ensure that he never left school alone, it emerged yesterday.

Diego Pineiro-Zillar, of dual Anglo-Spanish nationality, died in hospital from multiple stab wounds after he and his half-brother Roberto, 15, were chased and attacked on Sunday evening.

In December a man was arrested and remanded in custody charged with harassing the boy. He was released on bail in March at Highbury Corner magistrates' court despite objections from police and Crown Prosecution Service.

It also emerged that the man was convicted of criminal damage in December after graffiti relating to Diego appeared at the entrance to the Spanish school he attended in Ladbroke Grove, west London.

Last night Epigmenio Rodriguez, head teacher at the Canada Blanch school, said long-running measures were taken to protect the boy from a stalker after graffiti declaring love for Diego appeared outside the school.

Mr Rodriguez said: "At the end of October we detected that Diego was having problems outside the school because someone was harassing him. We called the police and contacted the family.

"Both said that a person was being investigated because something had been going on before that. They said they were adopting some measures to make sure that Diego was being cared for and accompanied by an adult before school and at the end of the academic day."

He added the police told the school that the man was under surveillance. "The measures were to make sure that the man did not come on to the school premises and also to make sure that Diego was not allowed to go home alone from school."

He said the last contact the school had with the police was at the end of December when more graffiti was found outside the school, but after that "nothing strange" had occurred near the school premises.

Diego was stabbed in front of scores of tourists and workers in Earlham Street, Covent Garden, who tried in vain to help him. His half brother was also seriously injured. A spokesman for the Westminster hospital said: "Roberto is stable and getting better."

It is understood that Diego's father was flying from his home in Spain to be with the family.

Diego's mother, Angela Fernandez, 49, a housewife, and his 50-year-old stepfather, Juan, a restaurateur, say the police knew about a man and said he was completely inoffensive. "For a long time the man would follow my son. He did it because my son was nice to him once when the other children were throwing stones at him," Mrs Fernandez said yesterday.

She added, weeping: "He is the most precious thing in my life. I love him more than anything else in the world and God took him away from me."

Diego had been given a mobile phone and instructed to dial 999 if the man approached him. But his mother said: "He had no time to call the police. This man appeared from nowhere and chased the boys. Then my angel was killed."

She said that at first Diego had not told her about the man approaching him. "But I confronted him one day when he came home with a new tape recorder.

"I told the police immediately and we did not see the man for months. Then he suddenly started phoning the flat and asking for Diego, then hanging up. He used to go to Diego's school and write things like 'I love you, Diego', on the gate."

The boy was stabbed more than 20 times by a man allegedly screaming: "How dare you say things. Don't say anything about me any more."

Diego's mother, who had been visiting relatives in Spain at the weekend, said she had planned to move to Spain in July with her children to escape the stalker.

A two-minute silence was held at Diego's school yesterday and today has been declared an official day of mourning.

Diego's school friends gathered in the playground yesterday to sign a Spanish flag as a memorial.

● An unemployed 52-year-old man of no settled address was charged last night with murdering Diego and attempting to murder Roberto. He was detained in police custody overnight and will appear before magistrates today.

Abducted girl's body found in Missouri

Autopsy planned; suspect still charged only with kidnapping.

The Associated Press

GRAIN VALLEY — Officers walking side by side through field and woods Friday in Missouri found the body of a 10-year-old Kansas girl who was abducted three days earlier in front of her sister while roller-skating, her parents said.

Butler

"They found her, that's all I can say," Paul Butler tearfully told reporters outside his daughter's Kansas City, Kan., home.

"For someone to come here and do this, it's just not right," said her mother, Cherri West. "She was just a little girl; she had a whole life ahead."

About 25 miles away in this Kansas City suburb, FBI Special Agent Monte Strait confirmed that a nude body matching the description of fifth-grader Pamela Butler had been found in a partly wooded area north of a church around 12:30 p.m., nearly two hours after more than 100 law officers began their search.

"It's her clothes, and it looks exactly like her," FBI Special Agent Jeff Lanza said later. FBI agents declined to say that the body was Pamela Butler's, saying they wanted to wait for positive identification.

An FBI affidavit had quoted a co-worker as saying that the suspect, Keith B. Nelson, told him two weeks ago that he "would like to kidnap a girl to rape, torture, electrocute, kill and bury."

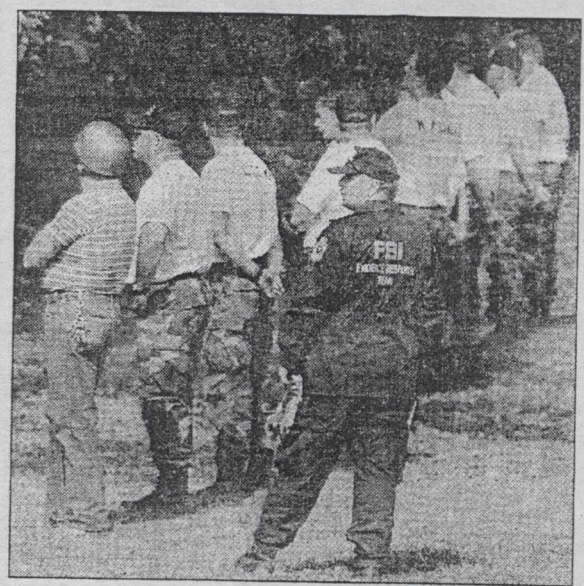
When asked what the cause of death was, Strait said: "I don't want to go into any details. We still have a lot of investigating to do."

The body was not buried but was covered with sticks, Lanza said.

Stephen Hill, U.S. attorney for the western district of Missouri, said an autopsy was planned Friday night, but the cause of death would not be released because of the continuing investigation.

Nelson, the 24-year-old suspect, was captured Thursday, ending a manhunt that gripped the community for two days. He was hospitalized with knee and ankle injuries suffered after Tuesday's abduction and was operated on Friday morning, authorities said.

Only kidnapping charges had been filed against Nelson. Hill said the death penalty can be sought as a punishment for this case. However, he said he wants to "sit down and talk" with county prosecutors from Kansas and Missouri, and Pamela Butler's family, before deciding on other charges.



The Associated Press

Law enforcement officials prepare to enter the woods Friday in Grain Valley as they searched for evidence related to the disappearance of 10-year-old Pamela Butler.

Daily Mail, Thursday, March 4, 2004

More agony for Josie as Stone wins right to appeal again

By **Stephen Wright**
Chief Crime Correspondent

THE man jailed for life for murdering Lin and Megan Russell has been granted an appeal against his convictions, it emerged yesterday.

Michael Stone, 42, got the go-ahead last week for a full Appeal Court hearing after being convicted of the murders for a second time in October 2001.

Three senior judges will now scrutinise evidence at the heart of the controversial case before deciding whether to overturn the verdicts of guilty – or keep Stone in jail.

The development will heighten the agony of schoolgirl Josie Russell, who was nine when her mother and sister were murdered in Chillenden, Kent, in July 1996.

Josie suffered appalling head injuries in drug-crazed Stone's attack with a clawhammer as her mother walked her and Megan home from a school swimming gala.

Stone sought permission from a judge in the Court of Appeal last week on two grounds – that he did not get a fair trial because of publicity surrounding the case and unreliability of a cell confession.

That double bid failed but Mr Justice Treacy has decided that Stone should be allowed a full appeal on the basis of his complaints over his alleged confession to fellow inmate Damien Daley, at Canterbury Prison.

Stone's lawyer Mark McDonald, who confirmed yesterday that permission to appeal had been granted, told the judge that the case stood or fell on the 'confession'.

Life sentence: Michael Stone

Murdered: Megan Russell

Daley, who was in a neighbouring cell while Stone was on remand at the jail, claimed he heard a voice through a heating pipe admitting to the murders.

Mr McDonald argued that there was no evidence that the voice was Stone's. Daley, he said, had tested positive for drugs in prison and styled himself as a hard man.

'No forensic evidence'

The lawyer submitted that the 'confession' should either have been excluded or the trial judge, Mr Justice Poole, should have given the jury a much stronger warning about the possible unreliability of Daley's evidence. Stone has always denied killing Mrs Russell, 45, and Megan, six, and attempting to murder Josie.

There was no forensic evidence against him and he maintained that Daley was lying.

It was the second time that Stone, from Gillingham, had been convicted of the murders.

He appealed after the original trial at Maidstone Crown Court in 1998 and a retrial was ordered because of the unreliability of another key prosecution witness, Barry Thompson.

Last night Lin Russell's husband Shaun said he is still convinced that Stone's conviction must stand.

A statement from his lawyers added: 'Dr Russell's daughter Josie, now 17, is in the middle of her GCSEs and he would ask for quiet to enable her to prepare properly for the examinations.'

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Postal service sting targets child-porn buyers, nets 45

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WASHINGTON—When postal inspectors came across what appeared to be a major child pornography operation, they decided it was too good a chance to pass up. Instead of just shutting it down, they changed the name and went into business.

The results of their two-year undercover operation were announced Thursday: 45 arrests in a nationwide sting, as many as 70 more arrests to come.

"Simply shutting down Overseas Male [the pornography distributor] wasn't enough because those who created the demand for child pornography were still out there," Chief Postal Inspector Kenneth Hunter said.

He said the investigators concentrated on people who sought videos involving boys aged 7 to 11—offering the material for sale and bringing charges if the individuals accepted delivery of the videos.

The videos offered by Overseas Male were "in actuality videotaped evidence of a crime taking place," Hunter said. "They show images of children having sex with each other or with adults — children as young as 7, 8 or 9 years old being sexually abused in unthinkable ways."

In more than 20 cases, Hunter said, investigators uncovered evidence of child abuse in addition to the charges of possessing pornography.

In one case, Ray Leslie Opfer of Reno has been sentenced to life in prison for the molestation of two brothers—ages 9 and 12—after inspectors discovered a collection of sexually explicit videos of neighborhood children in his home, Postal Inspector Ray Smith reported.

In another case, authorities said Robert H. Ellison, 65, of Chicago, pleaded for the prompt return of his videos because he feared that he would molest children if he could not relieve his urges through pornography. He was ordered held without bond as a threat to the community.

Hunter said his office began receiving complaints in 1993 from people who had been sent advertising for sexually explicit videos by Overseas Male, a San Diego company.

One of the operators of that business, James Leroy Kemmish, was arrested in 1994 by customs agents as he returned from Mexico. Agents found $16,000 in cash and child pornography when they searched his baggage. He has been convicted of distributing child pornography and sentenced to five years in prison.

Hunter said the agency decided to use mailing lists to try to track down buyers of the porn. It sent out some 2,000 solicitations under the name Island Male, inviting people to send back a card if they were interested. They also had the option to ask to be removed from the mailing list or of simply throwing the solicitation away, Hunter noted.

Those who asked for more information were sent letters discussing "steamy" videos involving boys and men of various age groups. Those who showed an interest in ages 7 to 11 were targeted.

Smith explained that when these people placed an order, it was delivered by a postal inspector. If they accepted delivery, a search warrant was obtained and their home or business searched for evidence of possession of child pornography.

In all, the postal service conducted 130 searches in 36 states during its undercover operation, called Operation Special Delivery.

Orland Hills man seized in porn case

Police, fire board chairman faces federal charges

By David Heinzmann
Tribune staff reporter

The U.S. attorney has brought child pornography charges against an Orland Hills man who until last week headed a commission that hires and disciplines police officers in the southwest suburb.

Anthony J. Mannina III, 35, of the 9300 block of Meadow View Court, was charged Tuesday with receiving pornographic pictures of children via the Internet. Mannina is the second Chicago-area man charged in the government's "Operation Candyman" child pornography investigation, which has brought 93 arrests nationwide.

Prosecutors charge that Mannina had been receiving about 20 pornographic pictures of children a week for two to three years, and that he visited child pornography Web sites daily over the same period of time.

FBI agents seized Mannina's home computer March 27, the same day that he resigned as chairman of the Orland Hills Police and Fire Commission. Orland Hills Village Administrator John Daly said village officials were stunned and had not known that Mannina was the target of a criminal investigation until two days after he resigned.

"There was nothing in his background check that would indicate anything," Daly said. "People do a lot of things behind closed doors that don't show up in a background check."

When reached by telephone at home Monday, Mannina declined to comment about the charges.

Mannina took over the commission in 1999, after the removal of Mark Demonte, who was charged with theft after police learned that he had been breaking into hotel rooms during wedding receptions at an Orland Hills hotel where he moonlighted as a security guard. Demonte later pleaded guilty and received a sentence of probation.

Daly said it was bad luck to have two consecutive chairmen of the Police and Fire Commission charged with criminal offenses.

Orland Hills officials said

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PORN: Pictures of children posted online

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they had conducted a thorough background check before Mayor Kyle Hastings appointed Mannina to the post.

Mannina appeared in federal court Tuesday where Judge Arlander Keys released him to the custody of his aunt. Mannina, dressed in a white dress shirt and green pants, left the courthouse with his aunt, Rosalina Imbo, who co-signed his $10,000 bond, and another woman after the judge ordered him to have no contact with children, except supervised contact with his 5-year-old daughter. He also was required to submit to an evaluation to determine whether he needed psychiatric care.

Mannina also was ordered to not use any computer, other than the computer at the Dominick's store where he works as a cook. Before agreeing to the terms of his release, Assistant U.S. Atty. Christina Egan contacted the store to make sure the work computer did not have Internet access.

Mannina surrendered to the FBI Monday night, said his attorney, Patrick Walsh, who added that he would not comment because he had not seen all of the evidence the government has collected. Mannina is getting a divorce, his lawyer said.

Tribune photo by Alex Garcia

Anthony J. Mannina III, former head of the Orland Hills Police and Fire Commission, leaves court after his arraignment.

According to the government's complaint, Mannina belonged to an online group of Internet users centered around a Web site that posted pornographic pictures of children. Armed with a court order, FBI agents gained access to the site. Mannina used an e-mail account to receive photos. On Jan. 14, 2001, his computer received 15 computer files containing illegal photographs, according to the complaint. "He poses a very real danger to children," said Egan.

If convicted, Mannina could receive a prison sentence of up to 15 years.

Paedophile jailed 30 years after raping and strangling young friends and hiding their bodies in den

Justice at last for Babes in Wood

By Sue Clough
Courts Correspondent

A PAEDOPHILE yesterday ended the 30-year "babes in the wood" murder mystery when he admitted sexually abusing and strangling Susan Blatchford, 11, and her friend Gary Hanlon, 12, in 1970 and hiding their bodies in remote woodland.

Imposing two life sentences on Ronald Jebson, 62, who has spent the past 26 years behind bars for raping and murdering an eight-year-old girl, Judge David Stokes told him: "You are a truly wicked and perverted man."

As Gary and Susan's mothers wiped away tears, Judge Stokes continued: "Thirty years ago you abducted, sexually abused and brutally murdered two young children. What they went through before they died does not bear thinking about.

"That you finally owned up to what you did offers a small degree of comfort to their close relatives who are here to see justice done."

Jebson, his white hair in a pony tail, showed no emotion throughout the Old Bailey hearing although his counsel said he had confessed to "clear his conscience".

When in 1996 he first indicated to police that he knew something about the murders he implicated Robert and Maureen Papper as the killers. They were the parents of Rosemary, the eight-year-old whom Jebson raped and strangled in 1974, Richard Whittham, prosecuting, told the court.

Mr Whittham said this account was plainly not truthful and Jebson finally confessed that he was the murderer in a phone call to police.

In March 1970 Jebson was released from a two-year sentence for indecently assaulting a six-year-old girl and stayed with the Pappers at their home in Hackney, east London.

Within weeks he had murdered Gary and Susan. The pair were good friends and lived near each other in Enfield, north London. They were last seen walking laughing through fields after Gary had asked his mother if he could go out to play with Susan and she told him not to be long because supper was nearly ready.

Jebson, in a series of interviews in Wakefield prison, said he had given them cannabis to smoke and had taken them to a copse, where he had raped and strangled Susan. Gary, according to Jebson, lunged at him, so he hit him, raped him and strangled him too.

He was described as a loner with the ability to manipulate people and make them feel sorry for him. He was abandoned by his mother and adopted as a baby by a family in Hatfield, Herts. He would play in the surrounding countryside and build dens.

In the copse he carefully constructed a hide and laid the children's bodies in it side by side as if they were cuddling. Despite a huge police hunt, including searches of more than 4,500 homes, they were not found until 11 weeks later by a man walking his dog on the edge of Epping Forest.

By this time the bodies were so badly decomposed that pathologists, with the forensic techniques then available, were unable to ascertain the cause of death and an open verdict was recorded at the inquest.

But in a later evaluation pathologists decided that the children had been murdered and Susan sexually assaulted. Gary had been cremated but Susan's body had been exhumed four years ago for further tests.

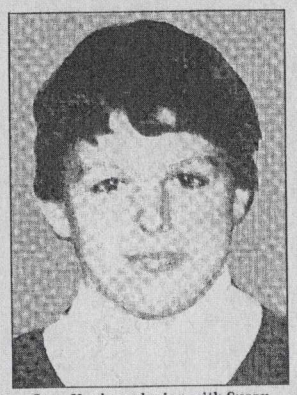
Four days after the murders Jebson was arrested in Retford, Notts, for indecently assaulting an 11-year-old boy and was jailed for five years. He was released in August 1973 and again returned to stay with his old schoolfriend Mr Papper, his wife and their four young children.

But by the following June he had fallen out with the Pappers who asked him to leave. Jebson warned them: "I will do something you will regret." The next day he abducted Rosemary, the second youngest, as she left school, indecently assaulted and raped her, strangling her as he had done with Susan.

He pleaded guilty to murder and was jailed for life with a recommendation he served a minimum of 20 years which was later increased to 25.

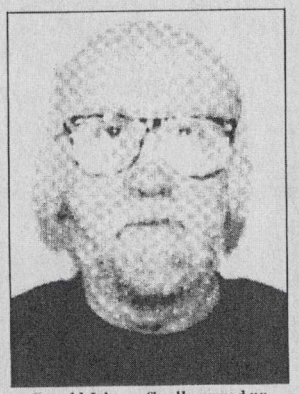
John Evison, for the defence, said it might be some consolation to the families to know that Jebson had spent the last 26 years behind bars and could not have committed further offences. Jebson had confessed because "he did not want to go to his grave with this matter unresolved".

After the case police said that the possibility Jebson had murdered other children could not be discounted.



Gary Hanlon: playing with Susan

Beryl Hanlon, left, and Muriel Blatchford yesterday



Ronald Jebson: finally owned up

Plea from the mothers 'serving life sentence'

THE mothers of Gary and Susan yesterday appealed to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, never to release Ronald Jebson from prison.

Beryl Hanlon, 66, said: "Gary's death destroyed my family. I have nine grandchildren and I'm paranoid about history repeating itself. Jebson has not served a life sentence. We have.

"I can only hope the Home Secretary will never let him out. I think he will still be a danger in his eighties and children do not stand a chance. I just want him to stay in prison for the rest of his life."

Her daughter, Sharon Meager, added: "I appeal to Jack Straw never to release this monster into our society for the sake of every child."

Susan Blatchford was a happy child with many friends, who was occasionally reprimanded for wearing make-up. Her mother, Muriel, 79, said that when her body was exhumed "it brought it all back — to me she was such a special girl".

Of Jebson, she added: "What an evil person he is. He is wicked. In those days you never heard of paedophiles. To think these two children died on their own, with no one to help them."

Leonard "Nipper" Read, the retired detective who led the initial inquiry into the children's deaths, was in court to see Jebson admit his guilt. "I had almost given up hope. My reaction is one of immense joy, especially for the families," he said. "My only hope was that someone would confess and now that has happened."

The officer now in charge of the case, Det Chief Insp Declan Donnelly, described Jebson as a "fixated, sadistic paedophile" who he feared would kill again if freed.

Susan Blatchford: raped and strangled in copse

Going Out Reviews

Ludicrous tale of paedophilia

ecstasy+GRACE X
Finborough Arms Theatre

Nicholas de Jongh

PERHAPS confessing this will make me feel better. There were times during James Martin Charlton's new play about paedophilia and the regular selling of Pullet, a 13-year-old rent-boy, when I wished to close my ears to what I heard and avert my eyes from what I saw. Rarely can I remember being so assailed by a sense of the ludicrous, the unbelievable and pretentious as I was by ecstasy+GRACE, (note the author's juvenile typography). No. This is not the shock-horror sensation for which scaremongers had been anxiously hoping. Far from it.

There's no pleading for child-lovers to be allowed to have their ways with boys — or girls. Quite the reverse. Charlton's two principal homosexual paedophiles are presented as morally repellent thugs involved in child murder. The setting's an Amsterdam porn-shop where the atmosphere reeks of drugs and depravity. The violent horrors, as in Greek tragedy, are off-stage: Fiona Shaw's Medea, bloodily murdering her children in Euripides at the Queen's theatre disturbs far more.

The first moments are rich in the preposterousness and melodramatic slanting that characterise the play. Rachel Smith's intense Rae, a Salvation Army girl, in full rig, appears in the porn shop where youngish Davy and his neo-Nazi lover Kai sell all manner of sexy drugs and prostitute Pullet. Rae has, unbelievably, come to save the lost soul of Davy, her long-ago lover. Charlton, who writes dense prose, as foggy as a pea-souper, takes this moral hygiene mission seriously. But people last night were understandably laughing at Davy's fast-track route to salvation, despite being knee-capped on the journey.

When Eric Byrne's poised 13-year-old rent boy sits next to a doting Davy and discusses the rewards of putting his body at men's disposal, the child's very calmness disquiets and dismays. But in Stephen Henry's production even the strenuous, strident acting of Tom Hayes's Davy can't hide the fact that ecstasy+GRACE has little serious or sensible to say about paedophiles and their prey.

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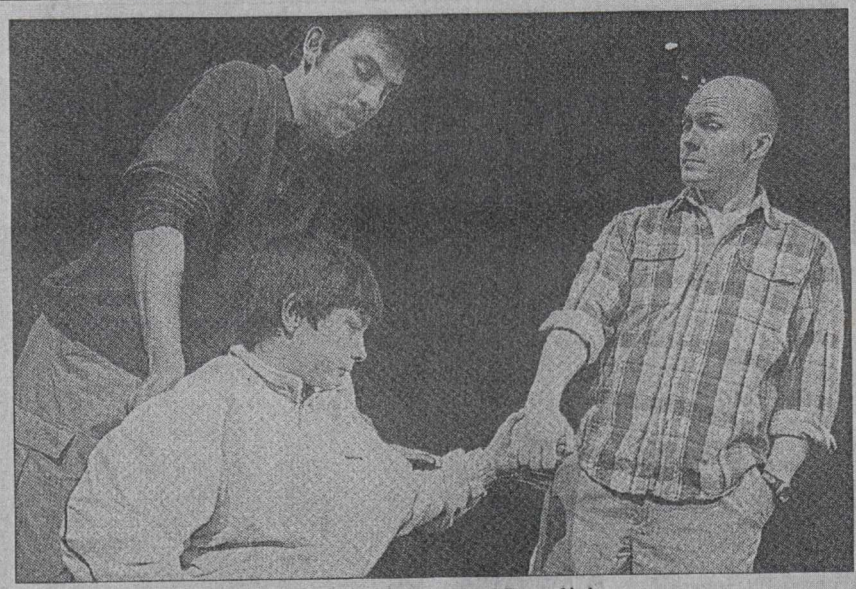

Alastair Muir

Unbelievable, not shocking: Tom Hayes, Eric Byrne and Barry Aird

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2 accused of abducting, killing boy

Offer of a bike allegedly used to gain youth's trust

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—For weeks, neighbors warned Jeffrey Curley not to get in the Cadillac with two men who promised to give him a bicycle.

On Friday, those men were accused of abducting the 10-year-old, smothering him with a gasoline-soaked rag, stuffing his body into a cement-filled container and dumping it in a New Hampshire waterway.

Prosecutors said pornography from the North American Man/Boy Love Association was found in the car, and one of the suspects, car detailer Charles Jaynes, 22, may have sexually abused the boy after he was killed.

The other suspect, 21-year-old Salvatore Sicari, had been seen in the neighborhood posting fliers after the boy was reported missing Wednesday.

"He was a lovely kid," said neighbor Jackie Linnane. "His only problem was he was too friendly."

Authorities were searching a cove in Portsmouth, N.H., where the Piscataqua River empties into the Atlantic for the boy's 4-foot-10-inch, 80-pound body.

Several neighbors believe it was the promise of a new bike that lured Jeffrey into the car; his godmother said he had three bicycles stolen over the past few months.

"He told his mother last week that a friend was going to give him a bike, and she told him, 'Nobody gets a bike for free. Stay away from him,' " said Mary Higgins, the godmother. "She thought it was all over with."

Jeffrey disappeared Wednesday afternoon after visiting his grandmother's house, which is a few blocks from his parents' home.

Based on rumors about the men in the Cadillac approaching Jeffrey in the past, the boy's older brother and four other men went to confront Jaynes at the car dealership where he was working Thursday.

"You're coming with us. You're coming with us," the men told Jaynes as they tried to get the 250-pound man into a car, according to sales manager Robert Harrah.

Police intervened and arrested Jaynes on outstanding larceny and fraud charges.

Prosecutor David Yannetti said investigators were continuing to question Jaynes in the boy's killing and that further charges were likely.

Outrage over the slaying erupted after Sicari, wearing a bulletproof vest, pleaded innocent Friday to murder and kidnapping charges and was ordered held without bail.

As he was led from the courthouse to jail, 15 to 20 teenagers swarmed Sicari and had to be held off by police as they peppered him with obscenities.

In another child-abduction case, a newspaper reported Friday that the parents of the New Jersey teenager accused in the strangling of 11-year-old Eddie Werner had asked a judge to commit their son to a mental hospital three days before the slaying.

Eddie disappeared Saturday while selling candy and wrapping paper door to door for the PTA at his Jackson Township school.

His body was discovered Monday night in the woods.

I've nothing to lose

What M25 rape-case man said to victim aged ten, court told

By **Charlie Bain** and **Ben Taylor**

THE railway worker accused of abducting and attempting to rape a ten-year-old girl allegedly told her: 'I've got nothing to lose.'

Antoni Imiela, 49, threatened to kill her if she did not comply with his sexual demands, a jury was told yesterday.

The girl wept as she recalled her five-hour tour of the Midlands as the man's prisoner.

It began when she was snatched from the street by a man wielding a knife. As she cried and begged for mercy, he told her: 'I've got nothing to lose but you've got your family to lose.'

After indecently assaulting her repeatedly and trying to rape her, he dumped her on a street with £10 for a taxi home, it was alleged.

The girl gave police a full description of the interior of the suspect's car and later picked him out at a video identification parade. She was also able to draw a picture of the car.

Maidstone Crown Court has already heard that two days before the alleged attack, Imiela – who is also accused of nine rapes – had given a DNA swab to police hunting the so-called M25 serial rapist. He drove from his home in Kent to Birmingham for a 'final act of defiance'.

Yesterday, the jury was played a police interview with the ten-year-old girl recorded less than 24 hours after the alleged abduction on November 21, 2002.

The youngster, who was wearing a blue fleecy Winnie the Pooh top, clasped her hands tightly as relived her ordeal.

In a clear voice, she told a woman police officer how after leaving home at 4pm to see a friend, she realised that she was being followed by a man in a car.

'He was driving slowly and I started to walk faster and he started to drive faster,' she said. 'I think he thought I was a boy but my hood fell down and he could see I was a girl.

'He wound his window down and he said, "Do you want a lift?", and I said, "No". Then he pulled his knife out and said, "Get in the car or I will kill you." '

The girl said the weapon was a silver penknife with a three-inch blade.

As the car moved off, she saw two boys she knew and tried to alert them to her plight. 'We got eye contact,' she said. 'I was going, "Help me, help me." '

But the boys did nothing – although they recognised her they were not sure who the man in the driver's seat was.

The car headed out of Birmingham into the countryside. They drove towards Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon and Tamworth. The man told the girl to 'pretend we're lovers and you'll get home a little earlier' and not to to cry or scream for help.

'He said, "You see this knife, if you beg any more I'm going to have to use it. Don't cry, don't cry because you are going to get on my nerves", so I stopped (crying) but I was trying to hold it in. Then he started turning rough and I started to cry.'

The girl told police that throughout the journey the knife was placed next to the man's knee and he warned that it was 'sharp' to 'scare me'.

He used the car's central locking system to make sure that she couldn't escape and told her to call him Tony, even though he said it wasn't his real name. He said they were going to collect some pigeons

'He smelt terrible, really stinky and he smelt of cigarettes,' she said.

During her ordeal he smoked at least 30 Benson and Hedges because of 'stress'. The girl said the driver stopped the car at least eight times. Some of those were so they could go to the lavatory but on at least four occasions she was repeatedly indecently assaulted.

On the final stop, she was asked to move into the rear seat where he attempted to rape her.

He was unable to do so and asked her to perform a sex act instead. 'He kept trying over and over again,' she said. 'He couldn't do it and then he stopped.

'He asked me to do it and if I refused he said he would get the knife again. I said, "I don't want to do this." I was begging for mercy. He said, "Don't do this to me again. You will get me really p***** off." '

By the time her alleged attacker was sexually satisfied, it was 8.35pm and dark. He made his young victim clean herself with tissues and a bottle of milkshake to hide 'evidence'.

She was dropped off in a Birmingham street and given a £10 note for a taxi home. He told her he had given other girls – one as young as eight – £100 to stop them telling their parents. The girl added: 'He said, "Don't look back. I am going to look back and if I see you doing it I will drive back and kill you." '

She ran into a nearby pub and asked the landlady to call her mother who rang the police.

Imiela, of Appledore, Kent, denies nine counts of rape against three girls under 16 and five women. One of the women was allegedly raped twice.

He also denies the kidnap, attempted rape and indecent assault of the ten-year-old.

The case continues.

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You'll be left scarred

Chilling taunt to rape victim of 18

By **Charlie Bain**

A RAPE victim wept yesterday as she told a court how her attacker boasted that she would be left emotionally scarred by the ordeal.

As she pleaded for mercy, he commanded her: 'Smile – look like you're enjoying it.'

The woman, who was 18 at the time, described how she wanted to die during the double rape.

The traumatic account was heard by the jury in the trial of railway worker Antoni Imiela, who is accused of raping eight women and children aged from ten to 52.

The prosecution claims the woman, now 20, was attacked in Woking, Surrey, and was Imiela's fourth victim.

He is alleged to have carried out the attack in July 2002, five days after raping two other women in Surrey and South-West London.

Shielded from Imiela by a blue screen, the woman told Maidstone Crown Court how she was walking home from a friend's house, listening to her portable CD player on headphones, when she caught sight of a man following her.

She turned into a wooded pathway and realised the man was still behind her. 'I felt a gust of air from behind me and an arm grabbed me around the neck,' she said.

'I was held in that position really, really tightly and I could barely breathe. My headphones had fallen out of my ears and he said "Don't you dare scream" in a hushed voice.

'I said "No, please don't". I thought I was going to die. I thought he was going to kill me.'

The woman described how she was pushed into the undergrowth and dragged along before her attacker demanded she strip naked.

She was then made to lie down and keep her top over her face before the attacker asked her if she was a virgin.

'I said "Yes". He said "No, you're not, don't lie to me. I'm not that stupid",' the woman said.

'He was kind of over me. I felt his breath. I was saying quite a few times "Please don't" and at this point I felt like I wanted to die.

'He said "Feels good, doesn't it?" and stuff like that. There was one point when he lifted my top up so he could see my mouth and said "Smile for me – look like you're enjoying it".

'I was really scared and just wanted to do what he told me to do to get away. I said "Please d hurt me" and he said "This w hurt you physically. This will leave you emotionally scarred".'

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Imiela, 49, from Appledore, K denies nine counts of rape. He denies kidnap, indecent ass and attempted rape.

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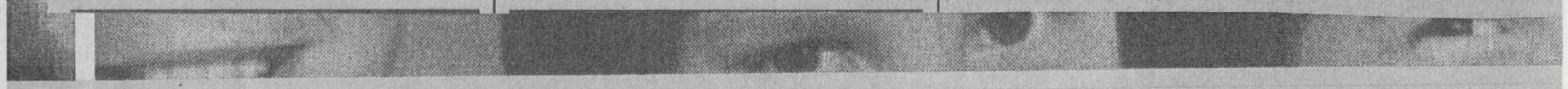

Aurora officer accused of child porn

By Hal Dardick
Tribune staff reporter

A veteran Aurora patrol officer who had been indicted after some 1,500 pornographic images of children were alleged to have been found on computers in his home was put on electronic monitoring and ordered to stay away from children and computers in a court appearance Thursday.

Scott Wolters, 43, of the 1800 block of Ashwood Lane, Aurora, was arrested Thursday, and his indictment was unsealed in a detention hearing before federal District Court Judge Milton Shadur. Wolters was released to the custody of his wife and ordered not to sell his home so authorities could collect $50,000 bail if he failed to appear for future proceedings.

Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents went to Wolters' home March 9 and searched his computer, finding the images, authorities said. A federal grand jury then indicted Wolters on two counts of possessing child pornography, they said.

Many of 1,500 images depicted children younger than 12, and some "were of a sadomasochistic nature," Assistant U.S. Atty. Gayle Littleton told Shadur. "The government's evidence in this case is rock solid."

If convicted, Wolters would face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, though sentencing guidelines indicate a sentence of between 57 and 71 months would be more likely, Shadur said.

Robert Seeder, an attorney with the federal defender's office who represented Wolters at the hearing, could not be reached for comment.

Wolters, who joined the Aurora Police Department in 1989, was placed on administrative leave with pay the same day federal agents searched his computers, police spokesman Dan Ferrelli said. The department's office of professional standards is investigating, he added.

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Victim speaks out

Sentencing hearing today for attacker

By Dave Newbart
Suburban Reporter

Richard A. Chapman/Sun-Times

Angela Bartucci was abducted from the Woodfield mall in 1996 and attacked by Robert Koppa. The case led to a new sex offender law.

Until now, to the world she's been the "17-year-old Bloomingdale resident" abducted and assaulted by repeat sex offender Robert Koppa in 1996.

But now, with her attacker facing a sentencing hearing today, Angela Bartucci wants to go public. She wants people to know her name and to know that she's not afraid to talk about what happened to her.

By doing so, she hopes to encourage other victims of sexual assault to come forward, help convict their attackers and come to realize that there is life after being a victim of a sex crime.

"If anything, it has made me stronger," Bartucci, now 21 and a marketing student at a Big Ten university, said of the adversity she has faced. "I'm proud to have overcome something and bring some good out of the situation."

Koppa was convicted last month of armed violence, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated criminal sexual abuse in a bench trial.

Today, at a hearing before Judge Joseph Urso at the Rolling Meadows branch of the Cook County Circuit Court, prosecutors plan to argue that Koppa is a habitual criminal who should be sent to prison for life. Koppa will ask the judge to reconsider the verdict.

Bartucci hopes to read a 1½-page "victim impact" statement in court before the judge pronounces sentence.

Koppa was convicted of abducting Bartucci at knifepoint from a parking lot near Woodfield Shopping Center, driving her to a nearby location and sexually assaulting her, then letting her go.

"I tortured myself for 1½ years for not being more careful," Bartucci said.

The crime also influenced her decision not to go away to college right away. Instead, for a year and a half, she stayed home, managed a clothing store and attended classes at the College of DuPage.

But she also started lobbying for harsher penalties for repeat sex offenders such as Koppa, who abducted Bartucci while on parole for a 1980 murder conviction in the slaying of a 15-year-old Chicago girl. That killing occurred while Koppa was on parole for sexually assaulting another woman.

Bartucci and her family collected 5,000 signatures, and the General Assembly passed a law allowing sex offenders who are deemed still dangerous to be kept in prison even after their sentences have ended.

Bartucci once hoped to go into criminal justice. Now, she plans to get an MBA and go into marketing. She "loves photography," manages a staff of 20 at a photo studio and is active in a Brazilian martial art that involves dancing and singing.

More and more, she finds herself counseling other victims of sex crimes, many of whom had never spoken about what happened to them. She plans to speak at college campuses around the country.

"Women our age feel invincible," she said. "They think this will never happen to me. And it does."

She didn't want to talk about Koppa's sentencing. But her mother, Susan, has said it's the family's hope that Koppa will be put away for life.

Angela Bartucci did say she was ecstatic about the verdict.

"Four years was a long time to wait," she said. "But it was great sitting on the stand and pointing to him and saying, 'This is what you did to me.' "

Year-old unsolved killing of boy haunts mom

By Karen Mellen
Tribune staff reporter

STREATOR—Soon after her 7-year-old son disappeared from outside her bungalow as she cooked dinner, Michelle Mesarchik sneaked through darkened streets, pressed against the wall of a house where she was told a sex offender lived, held her breath—and desperately strained to hear her son's voice.

She did not find Dalton there, or anywhere. The next morning, a fisherman spotted his bludgeoned body in the Vermilion River a few miles from his home here.

Friday marks the one-year anniversary of Dalton's abduction. He had been waiting for a church van, which never showed up, to take him to an evening program. Relatives

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Tribune photo by John Smierciak

Michelle Mesarchik, 35, of Streator holds photos of her son, Dalton, who was abducted last year and later found dead.

STREATOR: Mom tries to educate town on child safety

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believe Dalton mistakenly got into the wrong vehicle.

A team of investigators from local agencies, the state police and the FBI have worked the case for a year, without an arrest.

Since that night that changed her life, Mesarchik, 35, has done her own investigating, following up on rumors passed along to her and checking sex offenders who must register with police. The town had 31 known sex offenders, but police have never said whether Dalton was sexually assaulted.

"I have faith in God," said Mesarchik, a thin woman with a husky voice and intense eyes that flash when she speaks of Dalton. "Even if police don't get the person who did this, God's going to get him.

"But I would rather have the police get him. I want the police to get him so he can't do this again."

Authorities are frustrated. They have released little information, except to say they recovered the murder weapon, a three-pound sledgehammer, and continue to follow leads.

"It's terribly heartbreaking and frustrating that we have not apprehended or prosecuted anyone at this present time," said Joe Hettel, state's attorney for LaSalle County. "I wish there was more that I could share. It's something that never goes away. The more time that passes, the more frustrating it becomes."

Hoping for a break

Michelle Mesarchik is haunted by thoughts about who the killer might be: a pedophile, a teenager looking for kicks, a serial killer.

"When I'm in line at the grocery store, I don't know if the person behind me killed my son," Mesarchik said.

Immediately after the kidnapping, Mesarchik and her ex-husband were questioned and both took lie-detector tests, she said. Dalton's father, George Scott, who was living with her at the time, was changing their baby's diaper when their son was kidnapped.

In the first few months after the killing, Mesarchik said she rarely slept, staying up all night on Internet chat rooms and researching abductions, murders, sexual assaults—any sort of crime against children.

Time has given her a focus—if not peace. She is working to put her life back together.

There have been major changes. Her two oldest children, girls aged 13 and 14, have gone to live with their father, though she still sees them every day. She and Scott, the father of her youngest child, Dakota, 19 months, broke up. He could not be reached for comment.

Mesarchik has not yet returned to her job as a cook at a local restaurant. She is searching for a new house.

Meanwhile, she puts her energy toward educating the police community and public about child safety issues through a foundation named after Dalton.

Mesarchik criticizes police for failing to issue an Amber Alert until more than three hours after Dalton was reported missing, saying she believes they did not understand how to do the paperwork. Police did not respond to a request for comment.

"Seventy-four percent of abducted children who are murdered are dead within three hours," she said, shuffling through papers with facts and figures compiled from the Internet and other sources.

"They should have been prepared," Mesarchik said.

Searching for hope

Like many victims of tragedy, she is searching for something positive in her grief. She remembers that night every day.

She had returned home late and was cooking dinner in the kitchen at the back of the house. Dalton, who loved going to children's programs at Church of the Nazarene in Streator, was in the covered front porch, impatiently waiting for the van.

She did not hear him leave the house, and realized 30 minutes later that something was wrong when one of her daughters, who was waiting for the same van at a friend's house, returned home to say it had not arrived.

Mesarchik sometimes imagines Dalton walking through the door, grinning and wanting to play.

"There's still days that I just don't believe this is true," she said. ". . . It's like, but he was just here."

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Sentence in girl's slaying cut, but victim's parents say it's too long

BY DAN ROZEK
Staff Reporter

The parents of slain Elgin fifth-grader Brittany Martinez criticized a new 55-year prison term imposed on her killer after an appeals court overturned his original 75-year sentence.

They're not complaining that the new sentence imposed on 28-year-old Edward Milka is too short: Brittany's mom and stepdad said it's still too long because they believe Milka — Brittany's uncle — is innocent.

"I believe he should be going home today," Wendi Howlett said Thursday after Milka, her younger brother, was sentenced. "I still believe he's innocent."

Their disappointment reflected the turmoil Brittany's murder has caused in the family, which seven years after her 1997 slaying remains bitterly divided over whether Milka kidnapped and killed the 11-year-old niece for whom he occasionally baby-sat.

In May 2000, after Milka was convicted of killing Brittany, family members quarreled angrily over the verdict in the halls of the McHenry County courthouse. One relative was charged with slapping another family member during the bitter recriminations that followed Milka's conviction.

On Thursday, with heavy security in the courtroom, there were no disturbances, but relatives said the bitter feelings between family members remain.

Eddie Milka
75 to 55 years

Brittany Martinez
Slain in 1997

"It's been a real rough road for everyone involved," said Scott Howlett, Brittany's stepfather, adding there remains a "huge split" within the family.

"It's obvious certain sides [of the family] believe he's guilty and certain sides believe he's innocent," said Howlett, who believes Milka is innocent. During his victim impact statement, he repeatedly criticized McHenry County prosecutors for their handling of the case.

Brittany vanished from her Elgin neighborhood on May 8, 1997, triggering an intensive search. Her half-naked body was found nine days later in the Kishwaukee River in McHenry County. Milka, one of the last people seen with Brittany before she disappeared, was charged seven months later.

After Milka was convicted, McHenry County Judge Ward Arnold sentenced him to an extended, 75-year prison term, citing Brittany's age at the time of her death as a factor in lengthening Milka's sentence. An appeals court overturned that penalty earlier this year and ordered Arnold to resentence Milka to a 20- to 60-year prison term.

Arnold imposed the 55-year prison term, saying the sentence was justified because "the victim of this crime was an innocent child who suffered before she died."

With credit for time already served, Milka, who worked as a janitor before his arrest, is expected to be released from prison in just over 20 years.

That doesn't sit well with some of Brittany's relatives who are convinced of Milka's guilt.

"I wish he'd serve the whole 55 years," said Brittany's paternal grandmother, Audrey Lancaste. "From my heart, I've always known Eddie did it."

Milka still could appeal his reduced sentence, but defense attorney Stephen Komie said that's unlikely. Milka's conviction already has been upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Family members still hold out hope that someone else will be linked to Brittany's murder, clearing Milka.

"I hope the real people [who killed Brittany] come forward," Wendi Howlett said, adding she still agonizes over the loss of her oldest child.

"It never ends," she said. "Every day I think about my daughter. A day doesn't go by that I don't think about her."

SAVED BY SARAH

Cop hunting her killer catches sex beast in act and rescues little girl, 11

EXCLUSIVE by GARY WRIGHT

DETECTIVES wanting to quiz a suspect about the murder of Sarah Payne caught an evil sex beast preying on an 11-year-old girl when they raided his home.

Freed child rapist Derek Flintham had already begun indecently assaulting the youngster when officers burst in – and police fear she might have ended up dead.

For they discovered he had a chemical spray standing by to sedate her and tape to bind and gag the young victim.

One senior officer said last night: "In a way, this girl was saved by Sarah. God only knows what might have happened if we hadn't arrived when we did. She could have been raped or even murdered.

"It was an astonishing coincidence that we showed up just as he was with her."

Flintham, 60, was on a list of paedophiles to be quizzed about their alibis for the time of eight-year-old Sarah's disappearance in Sussex last year.

Cops who went to his house in Highbury, North London, found the 11-year-old girl there.

TRAPPED: Pervert Flintham

TRAGIC: Murdered Sarah

tape

The father-of-two had started chatting to her when she passed his home and invited her in to see his pet parrots.

The girl told a jury last week how perverted Flintham squeezed her bottom and suggested a game which meant getting undressed in the bedroom.

He was convicted at Snaresbrook Crown Court, East London, of indecent assault. He will be sentenced later.

Flintham was jailed in 1989 after he and another man kidnapped a girl of 13 in Pirbright, Surrey. They knocked her out with a chemical spray, bound her with tape and raped her.

● MECHANIC Roy Whiting, 42, appeared in court at Chichester, West Sussex, last Wednesday, accused of abducting and murdering Sarah.

City/suburbs

Chicagoan charged in child porn probe

By John O'Brien

A CHICAGO man has been arrested and charged with trafficking in child pornography in a case officials said Monday suggested the extent and sophistication of such pornography.

Federal court documents filed in the case of David Andersson allege that many of the children in videotapes and photographs seized last week here and in Indiana were "well under 18 years of age." Some appeared to have been younger than 10, the documents said.

Authorities said this is the first time in Chicago that local, state and federal law enforcement agencies have joined under a new federal law to investigate the sexual exploitation of children.

According to the documents, investigators found an assembly line for duplicating photographs, in this case of children alone and with adults, in Andersson's home, 4554 N. Drake Ave. Andersson, 48, is a self-employed commercial video equipment operator.

IN ADDITION, Chicago postal inspectors reported confiscating hundreds of photos and sexually explicit videotapes in Andersson's arrest Friday. He was charged with mailing pornographic films, magazines and photographs to a convicted child pornographer in Indiana.

Also on Friday, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations was told at a hearing in Washington that as much as 90 percent of the child pornography entering the U.S. comes from Denmark and The Netherlands.

Sen. William Roth [R., Del.], subcommittee chairman, said much of the child pornography from those countries features American children being molested by Americans in America.

"We believe that some of the children depicted are from the Midwest, but the materials suggest that the racket is international in scope," R. Lawrence Steele, U.S. attorney for northern Indiana, said at a press conference in the Main Post Office in Chicago.

"SEXUAL EXPLOITATION of children is one of the most important social issues facing government today," said Jeremy Margolis, Illinois inspector general.

Steele said Andersson will be prosecuted in Indiana, where he allegedly mailed a box of child pronography to Robert E. Ullery, of Mishawaka, who was sentenced last week to nine years in federal prison after pleading guilty to exploiting minors for sexual purposes.

Though officials said they did not know the identities of children in the tapes and pictures, they agreed that some probably are from the Chicago area and possibly live in Uptown, where child exploitation has been documented.

Mayo said his detectives are attempting to identify the children.

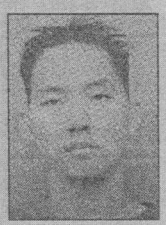
Suspect charged in girl's abduction

By William Presecky and John Chase
Tribune staff reporters 8/28/12

A 22-year-old Glendale Heights man has been charged in the Sunday abduction of an 8-year-old Wheaton girl he had befriended this summer and whom police found hours later cowering in bushes outside his apartment.

The girl, who prosecutors said had been drugged with amphetamines, was found hiding about 3 a.m. Monday, clad only in a T-shirt belonging to the man. Authorities said there was no evidence she had been sexually assaulted.

Nam H. "Andy" Ly of the 200 block of Shorewood Drive posted bail of $25,000 Tuesday. DuPage County State's Atty. Joseph Birkett said Ly took the girl from Northside Park on West Street in Wheaton about 8 p.m. Sunday. The girl's family lives in the nearby Wheaton Square Apartments.


Ly

The girl's mother said she called police about 1 a.m. Monday after her daughter had not come home after playing in the park. Birkett said the family mistakenly thought they had to wait 24 hours to report a missing person.

A witness told police a man known as "Andy" had taken the girl. Police knew of Ly's nickname because they had arrested him at that park in June after an altercation.

"I'm happy she's home," the mother, who speaks only Vietnamese, said through an interpreter. "I felt like she would come home, and she did."

Ly, who is also Vietnamese, had met the girl and her 13-year-old sister this summer at the park while playing basketball and hanging around with friends, the mother said. Ly would often show up with candy to hand out to many of the children in the apartment complex, neighbors said.

"They have met before in the apartment complex where the girl lives and [Ly] would come to hang out," Wheaton Police Detective Steve Hamill said. "He has met her before."

The 13-year-old said her sister had become so fond of Ly this summer that "she liked him like a brother" and that Ly had several times in recent months taken the girl for rides in his car and out to eat with friends. But he always asked the older sister, who then asked her mother or an adult relative, for permission, she said. On Sunday he didn't ask.

"He just sort of took her," the 13-year-old said. "He's like a new person to me now. I can't believe he did what he did."

The girl's mother said her daughter told her that Ly made her take "medicine" while she was in his apartment. The mother said that although her daughter is safe and at home, she is still worried about her because she is constantly sleeping.

"She sleeps all the time now," the mother said. "I don't know what that pill did to her."

UK NEWS

Body found in search for missing Sarah

POLICE searching for missing Sarah Payne found the body of a little girl on Monday near the grounds of an agricultural college about 10 miles from where the eight-year-old disappeared on July 1.

She had been playing with her brothers Lee, 13, and Luke, 11, and her sister Charlotte, 6, after a family day on the beach.

The body was found by a young man who works locally, police said, in an area not previously searched at Pulborough, West Sussex.

It was the moment Sarah's family and the police had been dreading. "There is a degree of shock amongst officers," said Assistant Chief Constable Nigel Yeo.

"We can't confirm at this stage that it is Sarah Payne, but we have told the family of this development," he said.

By David Sapsted, Matt Born and agencies

The sombre officer said the discovery was judged "sufficient enough" to break the news to Sarah's parents Sara and Michael, who had made heartfelt appeals for her safe return.

As well as the scores of local people who had helped police scour woodland and fields around Sarah's grandparents' home near East Preston, hundreds, then thousands, and finally tens of thousands phoned in with tips of possible sightings.

Still, though, police could not pinpoint a white van seen by Sarah's 13-year-old brother Luke, though the results of forensic examinations are still awaited on one such vehicle, nor a silver-grey Ford Mondeo he also spotted. A man was later quizzed by police for over 60 hours before being released without charge. Apart from reported sightings around Sussex, in South Wales, Merseyside and Scotland — even ones in Greece and Israel — the one firm lead appeared to come from a woman who said she had encountered a little girl matching Sarah's description.

The girl, seen in a lavatory at the Knutsford services on the M6 only nine hours after Sarah disappeared, had been wearing a similar blue dress and had given her name as Sarah. A computer-generated picture was issued of the man she was with and Sussex officers were despatched to Cheshire as the flood of calls became a tidal wave.

By the end of last week, though, the detectives leading the hunt for Sarah had returned to the conviction many had never abandoned, that Sarah had not left Sussex.

They announced a new search "corridor" running north from the coast along the A24 to Crawley, and appealed to the public to "keep their eyes open" as they travelled the area at the weekend.

On Monday morning, the police admitted at the regular news briefing at Littlehampton police station that, despite all the calls from the public and all the thousands of man hours put into the hunt, they were running out of leads.

It was while this press conference was going on that the call came through that the search for Sarah had ended as so many such searches do: with the chance discovery of a body by a member of the public.

Sarah Payne: missing for more than two weeks

Child-sex network thriving

From Chicago Tribune wires

WASHINGTON—A worldwide network of child pornographers and molesters is thriving in a $5 billion-a-year business and promotes such activities as packaged child-sex tours and auctions, with few diplomatic efforts by U.S. and foreign governments to stop it, a Senate panel was told Thursday.

Witnesses told the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that Denmark and the Netherlands are responsible for as much as 90 percent of the child pornography entering the United States. Both of those governments only recently began cracking down on the problem, the subcommittee was told.

"We have absolute proof that two countries are responsible for the vast majority of child pornography entering this country, and those countries are well aware of the fact," said Sen. William Roth (R., Del.), chairman of the subcommittee.

"This doesn't reduce the sordid role of Americans in child pornography, but it's time these countries went beyond good intentions and began to solve the problem," he said. "Every day we continue to study the problem and exchange polite letters, our children continue to be viciously exploited."

ROTH SAID much of the commercial child pornography imported from Denmark and the Netherlands features American children molested by Americans in America.

The subcommittee distributed a September letter from Assistant Secretary of State W Tapley Bennett Jr., who said that "it appears that no general diplomatic or other effort has been made to inhibit the foreign production or export of child pornographic materials to the United States."

Customs Commissioner William von Raab said 4,266 pornography seizures were made in fiscal 1984, which ended Sept. 30. About half of the seizures involved child exploitation, he said.

VON RAAB SAID a federal law that took effect last May greatly strengthens customs agents' ability to seize pornographic merchandise and refer violators for prosecution.

The law raises the definition of a minor to age 18 from 16, eliminates a requirement that seized material depict children actually engaged in sexual activity and deletes the requirement that the material be intended for sale.

Kenneth Herrmann, representing the U.S. chapter of a child-advocacy movement called Defense for Children International, said an investigation has found evidence that child-sex package tours were being offered in the Netherlands, West Germany, Japan and the U.S.

'Just give them back. Drop them off somewhere safe — I just want them back'

Sharon Chapman pleading for the return of her daughter yesterday. Photograph by Toby Melville/PA

THE parents of the missing ten-year-olds, Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, have revealed how they feared their daughters had been abducted immediately they discovered the pair had vanished from Holly's bedroom seven days ago.

In an emotional interview to be broadcast on television tonight, they told of how they were gripped with panic and terror and appealed to the girls' abductor to set their children free. "Just give them back," pleaded Sharon Chapman. "Drop them off somewhere that is safe. It's never too late. I just want them back."

Kevin Wells said: "We knew they'd been taken on the Sunday night. It was awful. You can't believe that it can happen to you. These two girls wouldn't hurt a fly."

Their appeal came as it was disclosed detectives were prepared to contact every known child sex offender in Britain in an attempt to find the girls.....5

A war on child porn

N.W. Sider arrested in task force's opening move

By Art Petacque and Larry Finley

Chicago-area child pornography dealers are being targeted by a special law enforcement task force of federal, state and local authorities, the Sun-Times has learned.

An opening salvo in the war against the lucrative racket was announced yesterday with the arrest of a Northwest Side man and the confiscation of tens of thousands of dollars worth of recording equipment and films and pictures.

Chicago police and federal postal inspectors arrested David Andersson, 48, a self-employed photographer, of 4554 N. Drake, and charged him Friday with mailing pornographic materials to Indiana, said R. Lawrence Steele, Jr., U.S. Attorney for Northern Indiana.

Federal sources said other suspects have been identified and could soon be facing federal and state charges.

A 15-year-old Chicago girl has been identified as the subject of sexually explicit material seized, and investigators suspect other local girls were used, sources said.

At a Chicago news conference yesterday, Steele would only confirm that some of the girls used were from the Midwest.

Also confiscated with the filming equipment was a home computer allegedly used to keep records of transactions and clients, a source said.

Andersson was released on $25,000 bond after being charged with shipping through the mails videotapes, photographs and magazines "depicting minors in sexually explicit conduct."

The new strike force is focusing on northern Illinois and includes agents from the office of U.S. Attorney Dan K. Webb; Illinois Inspector General Jeremy Margolis; Commander Joe Mayo, head of the Chicago Police youth division; U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Customs Office agents, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Producers and sellers of child pornography will face prosecution under new, strengthened federal laws enacted this year and state statutes such as contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor and deviate sexual assault, sources said.

Among the items seized in the raid on Andersson's home were video cameras, recorders, monitors, film mixers, lighting equipment, tape recorders, still cameras, a large screen television, computer equipment, video and audio tapes and photo albums.

The items were on display at the press conference.

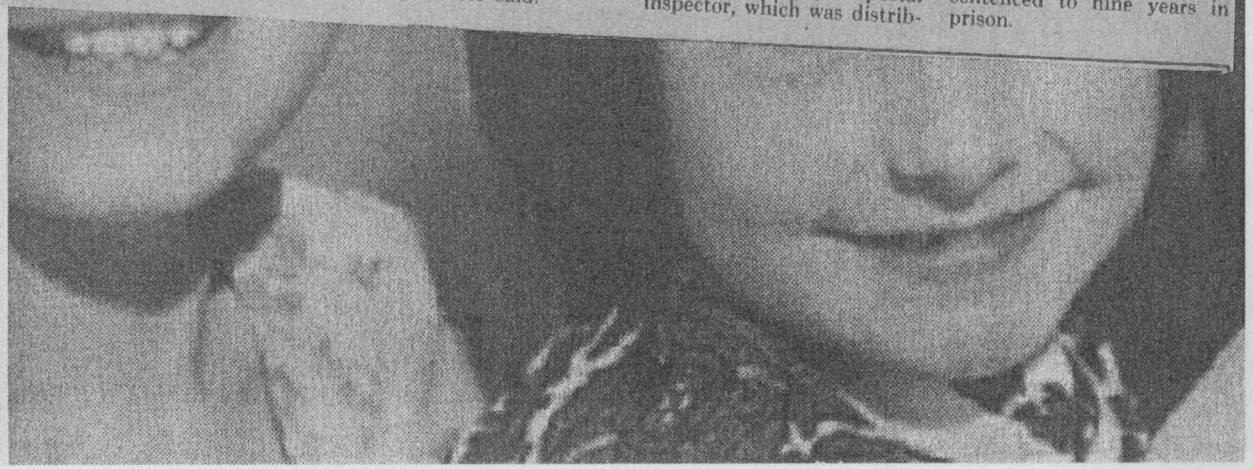
Because the investigation is continuing, Steele declined to give details about Andersson or his involvement in the photos and tapes.

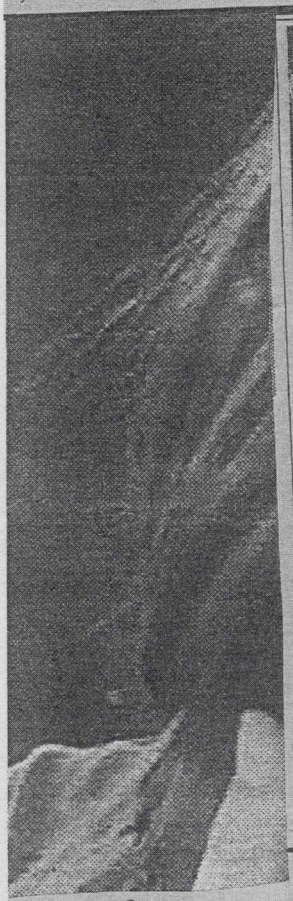
An affidavit by a postal inspector, which was distributed at the press conference said the materials included a videotape of photographs of "minors engaged in explicit sexual conduct" and a video copy of a film containing similar scenes.

Andersson is accused of mailing the package to Robert E. Ullery, of Mishawaka, Ind., in September. Ullery gave the package to postal inspectors.

Ullery was being prosecuted on pornography charges at the time and was cooperating with federal authorities, Steele said.

Ullery pleaded guilty to the charges Friday and was sentenced to nine years in prison.





Mrs Johnson: Shattered

Keith's mum tells of her hatred

By Michael Duffy, Eric Towner and Andrew Nott

THE mother of Moors victim Keith Bennett had murder in her heart today after she learned that her little boy may have been frogmarched to his death.

"If I could have got my hands on Brady and Hindley I would have torn them apart," said Mrs Winnie Johnson as the grim search for Keith's remains continued on Saddleworth Moor.

Mrs Johnson, aged 53, of Morley Avenue, Fallowfield, has slowly but agonisingly learned to live with the knowledge that her 12-year-old son was killed by the evil pair.

But she is shattered by the exclusive revelation in the *Manchester Evening News* that Keith may have been forced to make a pitiful trek across the bleak moor to his eventual grave.

Mrs Johnson, a hospital kitchen assistant, told how she felt when she read of her son's terrifying last walk.

Her fear

"I was busy cooking, but I just broke down and cried," she said.

Then Mrs Johnson revealed her private fear that Chief Supt Peter Topping, the man leading the search, might never find her son's body

She confessed: "I have been let down so many times, you have to expect the worst.

"I won't believe his body has been found until I see his coffin arrive and I know I have him home."

Meanwhile, sophisticated video equipment was brought in to aid the search for Keith's body It will be used to map out the area near Shiny Brook, where the hunt is being concentrated.

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LITTLE GIRL LOST

Haunted by '81 kidnap

By JEREMY OLSHAN and MARSHA KRANES

Tanya Goodson still gets chills when she passes the spot on Staten Island's Port Richmond Avenue where 23 years ago — when Tanya was 6 — her best friend was abducted by a man who offered them candy from his green Volkswagen.

"I said, 'No,' and she said, 'Yes,'" Goodson recalled yesterday. "She walked over to the car, and that was the last time I saw her. She was pulled inside."

Goodson recounted the nightmarish events of July 15, 1981, at the trial of Holly Ann Hughes' accused abductor, Andre Rand, 60, a convicted kidnapper and child molester.

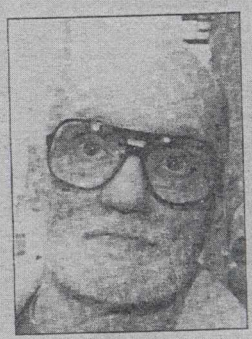
Goodson recalled that Holly, then 7, was snatched as they walked to a neighborhood store to buy soap.

"The only thing I saw of the man was that he had a mask on," she told the Staten Island Supreme Court jury.

Later, outside court, she told The Post, "I still feel guilty ... I always think about that moment — the last time I saw my best friend."

"I was only five feet away from my house," she said. "I ran home hysterically crying and told my mom that he took Holly."

She said her mother told Holly's mom, and the police were called, but her friend was never found and has long been presumed dead.



ANDRE RAND
Perv finally on trial.

"I've tried to put it behind me, but whenever I would walk past that place it's like yesterday," she said.

Goodson said she's going to make sure her daughter, Jaba Maria Rosa, 2½, isn't lured by a sicko the way Holly was.

"When she's old enough, I'll tell her what happened to me," she said.

In court during cross-examination, defense lawyer Duane Felton tried to discredit Goodson by implying that she was testifying to get drug charges against her dropped.

Goodson replied that she had entered rehab after she was busted for attempting to sneak drugs to her jailed boyfriend.

In other testimony yesterday, Nancy Pacella, a hospital worker, identified Rand as the "spooky" man she saw standing and driving near the abduction scene.

Youth locked up for seven years after attack on mother of two

Boy, 15, was turned into rapist by litre and a half of vodka

By **Chris Brooke**

A SHY schoolboy raped a mother of two in her home after drinking a litre and a half of vodka, a court heard.

Sean Regan, 15, was transformed into a 'wild animal' by the drink and broke in and attacked the woman as she dozed on her sofa.

Sentencing him to seven years in custody, Judge Robert Bartfield lifted restrictions on naming Regan and described the rape as 'one of the most disgusting' he had ever come across.

Regan was said to be a respectable, hard-working pupil with no previous convictions. But the drinking session turned him into a monster, Bradford Crown Court was told.

The teenager knew his 34-year-old victim's daughter, but had not spoken to the mother before. She was alone in her flat in Skipton, North Yorkshire, lying on the sofa after watching a DVD when he broke in and assaulted her on the evening of March 25.

Prosecutor Jonathan Carroll said Regan was snarling as he grabbed hold of her hair from behind, knocked her to the floor and got on top of her.

The woman pleaded with him not to hurt her, but he bit her on the arms and said: 'I'm going to rape you because I love you.'

She managed to crawl to the kitchen, but she could not bring herself to stab him with a knife because he looked so young. However, Regan threatened to stab or shoot her if she did not do what she was told and he even threatened to assault her daughter.

As well as raping the terrified woman he also forced her to perform a sexual act, the court heard.

Mr Carroll said he had a look of hatred and anger on his face. His victim was said to be 'exhausted with fear' and crying uncontrollably, but managed to escape when Regan was sick.

She ran to her local police station and officers discovered Regan naked and unconscious at the flat.

He was said to be unable to remember anything about the attack. It was not revealed how he managed to acquire the vodka.

Regan, of Beanlands Place, Cross Hills, North Yorkshire, admitted two counts of rape and making threats to kill. He wept as the judge passed sentence, ordering that he serve an extended period under licence when released from the Young Offenders' Institution.

Judge Bartfield said he had subjected his victim to a terrible ordeal and ruined her life.

'I would characterise your behaviour as that of a wild animal,' said the judge.

'I have seen precious little remorse about what happened to that lady. Although it was a drunken rape it was still an intentional rape.'

Regan was said to come from a good family background and have no record of violence.

Roger Henderson, his tutor at Keighley College, described him as a hard-working student who was 'motivated beyond his peers' but 'somewhat shy'.

His mother Cathy refused to comment yesterday. A neighbour said: 'He seemed like a nice lad, very quiet and never any trouble.'

Detective Constable Steve Menzies, who investigated the rape, said police remained mystified as to what triggered the attack by a youth with no criminal history.

But he said his appallingly violent and terrifying behaviour was the direct result of drinking alcohol.

Detective Sergeant Matt Walker, of North Yorkshire Police, who was involved in the case, warned of the dangers of binge drinking.

'This was an extremely violent incident fuelled by alcohol,' he said. 'It highlights the problems with young people drinking excessive amounts of alcohol.

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Transformed: Vodka turned shy schoolboy Sean Regan into a monster

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'Nice Myra' outrage

Mrs West: "Hindley is the evil one."

By Patrick Mulchrone, Paul Horrocks and Eric Towner

LORD LONGFORD has been conned by Myra Hindley, the mother of one of the Moor's killers victims, Lesley Anne Downey, said today.

And Mrs Ann West accused the 81-year-old peer of incredible insensitivity over his reported description of Hindley as "a nice girl" who should have been released years ago.

But Lord Longford said: "I have said that many times, but not just like that. I have often said she is a nice girl, and yes, I believe ultimately she should be released, but obviously there is no prospect of that at the moment."

He added: "It was put to me — I do not go around seeking publicity or wanting to get into newspapers."

Mrs West said at her Manchester home: "I've fought Lord Longford and his views for years and I will fight him again over this. That woman will never see freedom.

"What kind of a 'nice girl' lets my little girl beg her for mercy? How can anyone think she is a changed woman after all this time?

"She was not led by Brady when they killed three youngsters. She is the evil one. The danger is she can con people like Lord Longford.

"She may have fooled some people on those ghoulish trips of hers to the moors, but she will never fool me."

But Lord Longford, who has visited Hindley regularly for 18 years and has become her "friend," says life imprisonment has never meant just that in this country "and never should."

Lord Longford's latest plea was also slammed by Peter Topping, the police chief leading the moors search for the body of Keith Bennett, another child victim of Hindley and Ian Brady.

"To discuss parole at this time is not appropriate," he said. "It causes a lot of distress to the families."

Lord Longford: "Ultimately she should be freed."

MPs'

Mother of Moors victim dies

ANN West, mother of Moors murder victim Lesley Ann Downey, lost her battle against liver cancer yesterday.

Mrs West, 69, died at the home in Fallowfield, Manchester, she shared with her second husband Alan, 62. She had spent the past 34 years keeping alive the memory of her ten-year-old daughter who was kidnapped, tortured and strangled by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady on Boxing Day 1964. During the trial of the two killers in 1966 she heard her daughter cry out on a tape the two had made: "I want to see my mummy. Please God, help me."

Mrs West campaigned relentlessly to ensure Hindley, 56, would never be released. In 1997 she had to have Lesley-Anne's body moved to a secret location after vandals daubed the grave. When she knew she was terminally ill she said: "It has been a life sentence for me."

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A mother's plea: Don't free Hindley

THE mother of a Moors murder victim yesterday made a plea to the chief Law Lord to keep Myra Hindley in jail.

Winnie Johnson, mother of 12-year-old Keith Bennett, pictured, accuses Hindley of witholding information about how her son was killed and where his body is.

Her letter to Lord Bingham comes as the Lords prepare to hear a test case that could lead to Hindley's release within weeks. They will decide whether European human rights rules restrict the Home Secretary's power to keep murderers in jail for life.

Mrs Johnson writes of Hindley: 'This so-called devout Catholic still refuses to disclose the whereabouts of my son's body. All I want out of life is to find my son and give him a Christian burial. I want justice for my child.'

Moors case mother dies

ANN West, the mother of Moors murder victim Lesley Ann Downey, has died after a battle against liver cancer.

The 69-year-old died at her home in Manchester, a relative of one of the other victims of the 1960s series of child murders disclosed last night.

Danny Kilbride, the younger brother of John Kilbride, said Mrs West died yesterday morning. He added: "I have known her really well over the years, we fought for the same thing.

"When I last saw Ann she told me she was hadn't long left . . . and asked to carry on the fight. This has only made me more determined than ever to carry it on, to ensure their memories live on and Myra Hindley is never released."

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Sick Moors mum's final agony

By Michael Duffy

MOORS murder victim Pauline Reade will finally be laid to rest in Manchester on Friday.

Her mother Mrs Joan Reade will leave hospital to be at the graveside.

Mrs Reade, made ill by the knowledge of her daughter's brutal death, is in North Manchester General Hospital.

But a funeral limousine will take her and two nurses looking after her to the funeral at Gorton Cemetery.

Sources close to the family have revealed that Mrs Reade still cannot reconcile herself to the fact that Pauline's body has been discovered on Saddleworth Moor 24 years after she was murdered by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady.

A friend said Pauline's father, Amos, saw her two nights ago and she told him: "I don't believe you."

The friend added: "We get the impression, however, that as the funeral approaches the reality of it all is beginning to hit her."

Pauline's remains will be carried into the beautiful monastery of St Francis in Gorton — the church she attended as a child — for Requiem Mass.

The cortege will then drive the short distance to Gorton Cemetery.

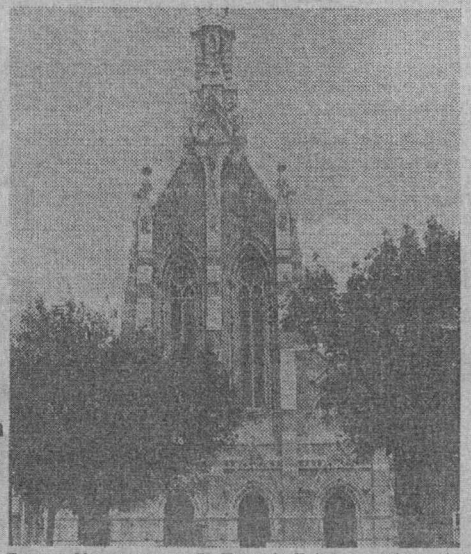
So many floral tributes are expected that undertakers — Kennedy's of New Cross — are laying on a second hearse just to carry extra flowers.

The family had originally wanted a private interment but now accept that many people will wish to pay their last respects.

The family said: "Mr Reade has said now he does not mind who comes to the funeral but he doesn't want any cameras clicking during the ceremony."

Funeral for moors murder victim

Rest in peace



Gorton Monastery — St Francis Priory — where the body of Moors murder victim Pauline Reade will today finally be consecrated.

MOORS murder victim Pauline Reade will finally be laid to rest today following a Requiem Mass at Gorton Monastery — the church she attended as a child.

The funeral takes place amid fresh claims of five more killings being carried out by wicked child murderer Ian Brady including two unsolved deaths in Manchester.

Pauline's mother Joan will be driven to the ceremony from the psychiatric unit at North Manchester General Hospital where she has been undergoing treatment since the case was reopened.

It is more than 20 years since Pauline went missing form her home in Gorton on her way to a dance. But it was only last month that her body was found on Saddleworth Moor.

The body, still dressed in a pink and gold party frock, white shoes and powder blue coat when found, was formally identified at an inquest in Oldham on Monday.

Her father, Amos, recognised the shoes and jewellery found on the body at the time. The inquest was adjourned for two months pending possible further charges being brought by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mourners at the funeral this afternoon are expected to include Mrs Winnie Johnson, mother of missing 12-year-old Keith Bennett

Leader of the hunt for the remaining bodies, Chief Supt Int Peter Topping, will also attend the ceremony.

Meanwhile the search party will maintain its hunt at Saddleworth to find the body of Keith and a possible further victim Brady claims is buried nearby.

On Tuesday, Brady wrote to a BBC journalist revealing he had killed five more people.

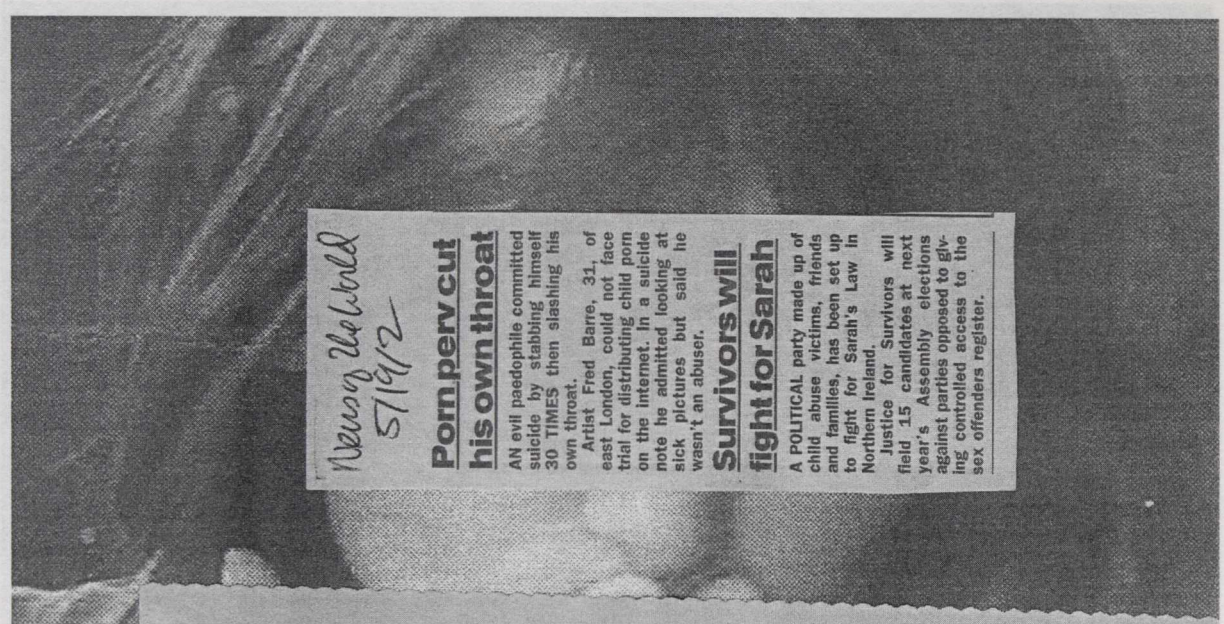
Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Mr David Wilmot said the claims were being taken seriously and Mr Topping had already started inquiries.

By Christine Humphreys

Innocents

Tragic Pauline Reade — now her body can rest in peace near her childhood home.

The grim moorland search for 12-year-old Keith Bennett will continue



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Porn perv cut his own throat

AN evil paedophile committed suicide by stabbing himself 30 TIMES then slashing his own throat.

Artist Fred Barre, 31, of east London, could not face trial for distributing child porn on the internet. In a suicide note he admitted looking at sick pictures but said he wasn't an abuser.

Survivors will fight for Sarah

A POLITICAL party made up of child abuse victims, friends and families, has been set up to fight for Sarah's Law in Northern Ireland.

Justice for Survivors will field 15 candidates at next year's Assembly elections against parties opposed to giving controlled access to the sex offenders register.

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UNDERCOVER STING

Man accused of importing porn

By JoAnne Marez
Sun Staff

U.S. Customs Service agents say suspected child pornographer Michael Lawton was importing negatives depicting children as young as 4 to 6 years old engaged in sexual contact with a man from India and passed prints along to what he thought was a pedophilic couple.

The "couple" was an undercover Customs agent using a blind drop box in Vancouver, Clark County.

Lawton has been charged in federal court with importing child pornography and is being held without bail until a detention hearing Tuesday in Tacoma.

Last Tuesday Customs agents raided Lawton's Port Townsend home and seized boxes of graphically explicit material, which included still photos, videotapes, whips, chains and other sexually oriented items.

An affidavit filed in federal court outlines the sting operation that began in July.

According to the document, Lawton came to the attention of Customs officials last April, when he responded to an ad placed by Customs agents in child pornography publications. At that time he expressed an interest in fantasies of sex with children.

Then in July, the affidavit alleges, he wrote to the "couple," telling them he was interested in material involving children between 9 and 14 years old engaged in sex acts.

He said he had a contact in India, who mailed him undeveloped film depicting child pornography.

Eventually, Customs officials allege, he sent the "couple" reproductions of the photos, which depicted girls about 4 to 6 years old sexually involved with an adult male.

He later said he wore rubber gloves when handling material he sent to others.

In August he allegedly wrote the "couple" he was considering traveling to India to photograph children himself and that his contact would set him up with at least six young children.

He proposed that the "couple" accompany him and purchase an 8 mm video camera so his contact in India could create pornographic videos.

In August the undercover agent called Lawton, posing as half of the "couple" and was told Lawton had received another shipment of negatives from India, which included negatives of male children involved in sex.

Lawton and the agent agreed to meet Oct. 27 at Lawton's home, the affidavit says, and discussed possible methods of smuggling tapes into the country.

Lawton suggested they put scenery at the beginning of the tapes so if Customs agents spotted them, they'd think they were simply vacation tapes.

The affidavit alleges that Lawton made contact with a Seattle postal inspector in October after answering an undercover ad by that agency and implied he would volunteer to perform sex with a child as a "favor" for the undercover inspector.

But the case was not investigated further because the Postal Service didn't have personnel available.

Final agony for father of Pauline

By Matt Finnegan

THE agony for the family of Moors victim Pauline Reade was finally ending after 24 years this afternoon when an inquest was opening into her death.

The short hearing at Oldham was allowing the body of Pauline, aged 16, to be laid to rest with a Christian burial.

Her father, Amos, aged 61, was undergoing a last ordeal as he appeared to give evidence.

Mr Reade, a baker, was taking the stand to reveal how he indentified the remains of his daughter's mumified body, which was discovered in a shallow grave on Saddleworth Moor a month ago.

Mr Reade, who was escorted by police from his home in Pitman Close, Beswick, was expected to be the only member of the Reade family at the hearing.

Pauline's mother, Joan, aged 58, is in a psychiatric hospital after years of suffering since her daugther's disappearance on the way to a dance.

The man who has led the new police hunt, Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, suspended for the day the search on the moors for the body of 12-year-old Keith Bennett.

VICTIM: Pauline Reade.

FATHER: Amos Reade.

Mr Topping was telling the coroner how Pauline's body was discovered.

But how Pauline died will stay unknown — for the time being.

No medical evidence about the cause of her death was being given. Police are still waiting the results of forensic tests on the body.

After today's short hearing, the inquest is expected to reopen within the next month when more detailed evidence will be given.

The Oldham cononer, Mr Bryan North, refused to comment on a claim by a national newspaper that Pauline's throat had been slashed and that she had been left to bleed to death.

Her funeral is expected to take place on Thursday when a service will be held at Gorton Monastery, Manchester, followed by burial at Gorton Cemetery.

Holiday boost tragic Reade

TARGET PRACTICE . . . from left, organiser Tony Benson with football stars Jack Rowley (ex-Manchester United), Mike Milligan and Andy Gorton (both Oldham) and Alex Williams (ex-Manchester City).

By Paul Taylor

WELL-WISHERS have rallied to help the tragic parents of Moors Murder victim Pauline Reade take a much-needed break.

About 400 people — some who knew Pauline personally — helped raise £1,000 at a charity darts marathon concert evening at the GMT Social Club in Mount Road, Gorton, Manchester.

The money will be used to help Joan and Amos Reade take a holiday after the anguish of past months.

"They were overwhelmed by the gesture," said the couple's son Paul. "We all went to the event and my mother was quite comfortable because there were a lot of people who knew Pauline."

Top local darts players and football stars gave up their time and cabaret artists donated their services for the all-day event.

"I should imagine my parents will take a holiday," said Paul

The Reades' agonising 24 years of waiting for news of Pauline — who disappeared at the age of 16 on her way to a dance near her Gorton home — ended last July with the discovery of her body

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Pauline's funeral near kidnap spot

By Michael Duffy

MOORS victim Pauline Reade will finally be laid to rest next week — just a mile from where evil murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady kidnapped her.

And one of the chief mourners at the private burial ceremony will be the man who found her on a bleak Pennine hillside Det Chief Supt Peter Topping.

Pauline, whose mummified remains were unearthed at Saddleworth almost 24 years to the week that she vanished, will be interred at Manchester's Gorton cemetery a week on Thursday if a preliminary inquest into her death next Monday gives the go-ahead.

A Requiem Mass at the beautiful St Francis RC Monastery that Pauline attended as a child will precede the burial.

When she lived in Wiles Street, Gorton, Pauline attended St Francis Primary School, and although her family now live in an adjoining parish they have specially requested the monastery for the funeral.

A specially made American-style mahogany casket has been ordered for Pauline.

But he coffin will not be sealed in case her remains are needed for exhumation.

It will be locked and the keys kept safe so Pauline's body can be re-examined in the future.

A spokesman for the funeral directors said: "Mr Amos Reade has specifically requested that the Press stay away from the burial — he wants this to be a private family affair."

The funeral will bring to an end 24 years of agony for the shattered Reade family who never knew what had happened to 16-year-old Pauline when she disappeared in July, 1963.

The tragedy has taken on a personal as well as a professional dimension for police chief Peter Topping.

"I understand his father was a barber in the Gorton area. He is a real family man and he truly feels for the Reades in this terrible business," said a source close to Mr Amos Reade, Pauline's father.

The inquest on Pauline will be opened at Oldham on Monday when coroner Bryan North will hear evidence of identification

PAULINE READE . . . inquest opens next Monday.

Kindheart cash aid for Moors girl's parents

By Don Frame

KIND - HEARTED Gorton residents are rallying round to bring a little comfort to the grieving parents of Moors murder victim Pauline Reade.

They have banded together to set up a memorial fund and next weekend are staging a mammoth charity darts day and concert.

Top players from all over the area will be taking part, and special guests will include professional footballers from Manchester area clubs, including Manchester City stars Paul Power and Alex Williams.

Local cabaret artists are also giving their services to put on a concert at the end of the day next Sunday.

Chairman of the fund, scaffolder Tommy Buckley, of Claymore Street, Abbey Hey, Gorton, said: "We're hoping to make it a tremendous amount of fun and raise at least £500 — hopefully a lot more."

He said: "I've known Pauline's parent's, Amos and Joan, for several years, and the tragedy has ruined their lives. Joan particularly is in very poor health.

"Amos was very touched by the gesture, though he's not the sort of man who likes any kind of fuss. Perhaps they might be able to take a good holiday away in the sunshine together."

The Crown Prosecution Service has announced that Moors killers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady will not face prosecution over the deaths of Pauline Reade and Keith Bennett.

But after it was revealed that Hindley would have pleaded guilty to her part in both crimes, Pauline's brother Paul said he was considering a private prosecution.

SICKO 'PORN' PLOT

Slain kid's mom targeted

By HEIDI SINGER

The distraught Staten Island mother of missing 7-year-old Holly Anne Hughes was the target of a bizarre plot to get her to make a porno film to win the girl's release, it was revealed in court yesterday.

Holly Cederholm confronted Andre Rand, the alleged abductor of her daughter, from the witness stand yesterday — and charged he was behind a disturbing phone call she received after Holly Anne disappeared in 1981.

Cederholm testified that a month after the little girl was snatched, she was visited by a priest who told her an anonymous caller wanted to speak with her.

After getting the police involved, the distraught mom spoke with the mystery caller — and was told that if she went to Baldwin, L.I., to make a steamy sex movie, her daughter would be freed.

On the stand in Staten Island Supreme Court — but with the jury outside the courtroom — Cederholm told Justice Stephen Rooney, "That's the caller, Judge," pointing to defendant Rand.

"That man sitting there with the beard and the glasses is the caller."

She did not say why she thought Rand was the caller.

Cederholm never went to Long Island, as the caller demanded — and defense attorney Duane Felton had a testy exchange with her over why.

"There was no need to go to Baldwin," she replied. "My daughter was already deceased. I already knew that."

ANDRE RAND
On trial in '81 kidnapping.

Cederholm eyed Rand angrily during her testimony, while her son, Edward, sobbed.

Holly Anne disappeared on July 15, 1981, but her body was never found.

Rand, who is serving 25 years to life for the 1988 kidnapping of another Staten Island girl, was indicted in 2001 on charges of abducting Holly Anne.

Cederholm's dramatic testimony was followed by an account by Rand's former fiancé about their twisted relationship.

Eileen Nix, who was 29 when she dated Rand, recalled: "He said, 'When we got married . . . I want you to wear your hair in pigtails.'

"He said it made me look child-like," Nix said.

Nix testified that after their breakup Rand stalked her by hanging around outside her house almost every night — but not on the night Holly Anne disappeared.

Pregnant girl of 14 is found murdered in a churchyard

By **Stephen Wright** and **Andy Dolan**

THE body of a pregnant schoolgirl has been found dumped in a village churchyard.

It is believed 14-year-old Amy Williams had been strangled.

She was last seen by a friend on Boxing Day near to the 18th century church where her semi-clothed body was found on Monday morning.

The discovery was made by a man tending his wife's grave at St Michael's Church in Madeley, near Telford, Shropshire.

Last night, police revealed that Amy was six months pregnant.

Detectives are said to be keeping an 'open mind' as to whether she was killed by a stranger or by someone she knew.

Officers are checking CCTV footage from the local area to establish her movements.

They are also making inquiries into Amy's relationships with family and

Victim: Amy Williams Right: Forensics tent on spot where she was found

'A profound sense of shock'

friends and are expected to talk to the father of her child, 16-year-old boyfriend James Love.

Flowers left outside the church, which is near the Ironbridge Gorge tourist attraction, were marked to 'Amy and baby'.

One tribute said: 'Forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts. A moment won't pass without thinking of you'.

Another said: 'Never forgotten, always in our hearts. I love you. Goodnight darling.'

Amy was last seen between 9pm and 10pm on Boxing Day in the Sutton Hill area where she lived with her 39-year-old mother Jane Chattle.

Last night, her mother said: 'I'm utterly devastated. I'm saddened and sickened that anyone could do such a thing.'

She added: 'James is a really nice guy. He recently bought Amy little booties for the baby. He was really looking forward to the baby coming.'

Friends of Amy described her as kind-hearted, funny and loving, popular, but also quite shy.

When she disappared, Amy was wearing a pink tracksuit, white T-shirt and white Kappa trainers.

But when her body was found just after 9am on Monday, parts of her clothing were missing.

Unconfirmed reports last night suggested the teenager was naked except for a pair of pink socks.

A post-mortem examination, conducted by Home Office pathologist Dr Peter Ackland, revealed that Amy had most likely been strangled.

Further tests are being carried out to discover the exact cause of her death and whether she had been sexually assaulted.

Detective Inspector Andy Parsons appealed for people in Madeley to check their gardens and rubbish bins for traces of her clothing.

'Anyone who finds anything they believe may have belonged to the girl is advised not to touch it but to contact the incident room at Telford police station immediately,' he said. Reverend Henry Morris, the vicar at St Michael's, described the young girl's death as 'tragic'.

He said: 'My thoughts and sympathies are with the parents and the family of this poor girl.

'The death of a 14-year-old is tragic at any time of year but it is even more so during the festive period.

'Everyone in the village shares a profound sense of shock. This is the last place where you would think something as devastating as this could happen.

'We suffer from anti-social problems as much as any parish in the country but the death of a young girl has really shaken the people of Madeley.'

One woman whose home backs out on to the churchyard said: 'This has come as a huge shock. The girl was only 14. My prayers are with her family.'

Detectives have sealed off the area and a white forensics tent has been erected over the spot where Amy was found. Teams of dog-handlers are searching nearby woodland.

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BLACK YELLOW MAGENTA CYAN REJOK

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Computer expert who filmed himself raping girl may be free in 3½ years

Abuser chose his victims in a childminder's home

A PAEDOPHILE carried out a string of sex attacks on seven young children as they were being 'cared' for by his childminder girlfriend, a court heard yesterday.

Computer expert Stephen Langford filmed himself as he raped and sexually abused his traumatised victims aged between 18 months and seven years.

Five girls and two boys were attacked by Langford. He gained access to them at the home he shared with his then partner, Sarah Kemp, where the children she was minding sometimes stayed the night.

While the youngsters were asleep, 34-year-old Langford would creep up and assault them in front of a camera.

The offences came to light only

'He was smiling in the dock'

when DVD footage of his depraved acts, committed between January 2001 and August 2004, was sent anonymously to police last summer.

With the package was a note identifying Langford and providing his Oxfordshire address, which cannot be published in full for legal reasons.

The author of the note, whose identity is still not known, was said to be 'seriously disturbed' by the DVD and still images.

When police raided Langford's home, they seized computer equipment which was found to contain 80,000 child porn images.

Langford admitted 16 charges – six indecent assaults, one of gross indecency, one of rape, five sexual assaults, two matters of downloading child pornography and one of possessing 80,000 indecent pictures.

By **Stephen Wright**
Chief Crime Correspondent

Judge Julian Hall, at Oxford Crown Court, said there could be no certainty that Langford's 'wickedness' could be 'cured' and jailed him for life for the rape of a girl between the ages of four and six.

He imposed sentences of between six months and five years to run concurrently on the other charges.

But parents of the victims expressed outrage after the judge ruled that Langford could apply for parole in just three-and-a-half years.

'It's absolutely disgraceful,' said one relative. 'Those kids have got a life sentence after what he did to them.'

Another said: 'He was smiling when he was in the dock. He should not be considered for parole until at least 15 years.'

Jennifer Edwards, prosecuting, said 'children had been entrusted by their parents' to Miss Kemp. She had nothing to do with the offences, the court was told.

Miss Edwards said that, after recording his activities on camera, Langford stored the images on his computer.

The court was told his 'obsessive compulsive' nature prompted him to meticulously catalogue and save what he had recorded, which was of high quality and from many different angles.

He was overheard saying to one victim: 'You are a big girl now and you must not tell anybody.'

Langford told police his activities had become 'a habit, almost like a drug'. He said he knew it was wrong but could not stop, the court heard.

Paul Reid, defending, said Langford was 'riddled with guilt' and felt 'relieved that the last four years were off his conscience'.

Mr Reid suggested that, although he had not admitted it, it may well have been Langford himself who had sent the DVD to police. In a letter to his lawyers, Langford said his offences 'could have been worse' and that he 'never used violence'.

Judge Hall said Langford's attempts to justify his actions were evidence of a 'dislocation in his thought processes'.

Last night, it emerged that Miss Kemp, 20, was not a registered childminder – who are vetted and held on a list by Ofsted. Checks are also made with the Criminal Records Bureau, social services, medical records and former employers. Police sources said the case highlighted the dangers of parents placing their children with unregistered carers who have not been properly vetted.

But they stressed that Miss Kemp was not to blame for the abuse inflicted by Langford. One said: 'She had no idea what he was up to. It appears he used her to access children.'

Miss Kemp could not be reached for comment last night.

CHICAGO

Underage plot brings charges against man

A former Streamwood man was charged Thursday with traveling across state lines to Bristol, Wis., twice last year to engage in sex with an underage girl, but no sex occurred, authorities said.

William L. Meadows, 31, also was charged with possessing at least three images of child pornography in his computer hard drive at home, the government alleged.

Meadows was arrested in November on the child-pornography charge and was released on $50,000 bond but barred from unsupervised contact with minors or accessing the Internet.

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Tears of boy, 11, who found the party girl dying

By **David Wilkes**

AN 11-year-old boy wept yesterday as he was questioned at a murder trial about events before the death of a young friend.

He said he went looking for Rosie May Storrie, ten, when she went missing at a Christmas party.

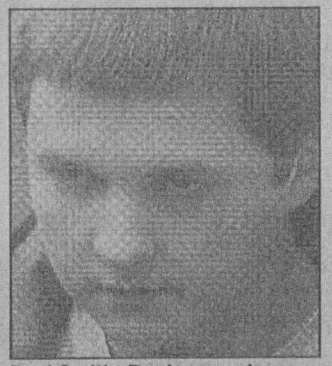
He found her face down on a bed, unconscious, with her clothes disarranged.

The prosecution says apprentice electrician Paul Smith, then 17, had chased the little girl and suffocated her after she teased him and grabbed his can of Guinness.

The court also heard that both Smith's and Rosie May's fingerprints were on a can of Guinness found in the bedroom.

The Nottingham Crown Court jury saw a video of the 11-year-old being interviewed by police three days after Rosie May was attacked on December 28 last year.

He said he found her after hearing a 'funny noise' and opening the door of the bedroom. 'She was lying on her front so you cannot see the face. Her head was in the pillow. Her catsuit was down past the bum,' he said.



Paul Smith: Denies murder

'I went out because I thought she was asleep.'

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said he fetched Rosie May's brother Lawrence, 13, who then went to get his father Graham Storrie, 45. Despite efforts to revive her, the little girl never regained consciousness and died in hospital two days later.

The boy told police he had last seen Rosie May as she teased Paul Smith. He said in the interview: 'She nicked Paul's beer can and started running down the landing, teasing him. She took it out of his hand. She was saying, "I've got Paul's beer can".'

The interviewing officer asked him: 'What is Paul doing?' The boy replied: 'Chasing her.'

Officer: 'How is Rosie?' Boy: 'Laughing'. Officer: 'How was he?' Boy: 'I don't know.'

He said the two then went missing and it was ten minutes later that he found Rosie May.

But under cross-examination via a video link by Frances Oldham, QC, defending, he admitted he was not sure he actually saw Rosie May take the can.

Miss Oldham asked: 'So how do you know that Rosie May took the can out of Paul's hand?' Boy: 'I don't.' Miss Oldham: 'So you didn't see that?' Boy: 'No.'

Miss Oldham: 'This didn't happen did it, the laughing and the chasing?' Boy: 'I don't know.'

Miss Oldham: 'You are not really sure what you saw are you?' Boy: 'Not that particular part.'

Miss Oldham: 'Because it didn't happen?' The boy replied quietly: 'No', before asking: 'May I have a break please?'

He then began crying and the hearing was adjourned for 20 minutes. The party was held at the home of Paul Smith's uncle Ian Smith, for whom he worked, in the village of Normanton, Leicestershire.

The 60 guests included Rosie May and her parents, from Normanton, Smith and his parents.

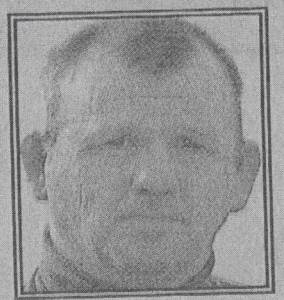
Smith, now 18, from Sedgebrook, Lincolnshire, denies murder and manslaughter.

The case continues.

Victim: Rosie May was said to have been teasing Paul Smith

It could have been another Soham or Sarah Payne, say furious parents

4½-hour wait for police after park molester terrorises girl



Four calls: Brian Walker

By **Andrew Levy**

POLICE came under fire last night for taking more than four hours to respond to the indecent assault and attempted abduction of a nine-year-old girl.

Stacie Walker was playing in a park near her home when she was attacked by a man in his 20s.

The terrified schoolgirl managed to escape but was pursued until she reached the safety of a group of friends.

Astonishingly, when her father informed a policeman minutes later he was told to ring 999. And when he placed the emergency call he was asked to contact Norfolk Police's switchboard.

He had to make four desperate calls before an officer finally arrived at the family home, four-and-a-half hours after the attack was first reported.

'I am absolutely furious. It's just not good enough,' said Brian Walker, 50, yesterday.

'Anything could have happened to my daughter. They might have caught this sick man if they'd reacted there and then.'

Mr Walker, a gardener, added: 'I am appalled by the policeman I spoke to in the street. He said he was busy but he could have used his radio or mobile phone.'

Stacie's mother Doreen, a 44-year-old care assistant, said: 'I went to the spot where the attack happened and felt physically ill. He is out there and what worries me is someone else's child is at risk. This could end up as another Sarah Payne or Soham.'

Stacie is now afraid to be alone at night, she added.

The attack took place at around 4.40pm last Saturday in Sloughbottom Park in Mile Cross, Norwich.

The man told Stacie he wanted to have sex with her and grabbed her. She managed to escape after punching him in the stomach but was chased until her screams alerted friends who ran over and scared off the attacker.

Stacie's grandfather, retired electrician Billy Vann, 68, said there was 'something wrong with the entire police system'. 'I went past Mile Cross police station on the day of the attack and there were six police cars outside and yet it took them so long to respond to the call,' he said.

'Dedicated officers'

'There could have been a murder for all we know. I'd sack the lot of them.'

Police handling of serious crimes against children came under scrutiny earlier this year in the Bichard report. It looked at the 2002 murders of 11-year-olds Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman in Soham – 40 miles from Mile Cross – and found two forces guilty of major failings.

Humberside lost or deleted crucial files which would have revealed killer Ian Huntley's predatory nature with young girls, while Cambridgeshire failed to ask Humberside for information about him.

Kristina Raines, a spokesman for Norfolk Police, said: 'An internal inquiry to assess whether we delivered the correct service has been put in place and any lessons learned will be acted upon.

'Dedicated officers are working hard on this case.'

Grabbed: Stacie Walker is now afraid of the dark

Fury of 12-year-old sex attack victim's father

Violent brute who raped my daughter will be free before she leaves school

By **David Wilkes**

A TEENAGER high on drugs raped a 12-year-old girl the day after he walked free from a court on bail for burglary.

Robert Bailey, 16, pounced on his victim after celebrating his freedom by sniffing nail polish, smoking cannabis and drinking cider.

He dragged her into a field and punched her in the face repeatedly as she desperately struggled to break free while pleading with him to stop.

Last night the girl's parents reacted with fury after Bailey was sent to a young offenders' institution for only five years for the sickening attack.

The girl's father said: 'He will be out before my daughter even finishes school – it makes a complete mockery of the justice system.

'Our little girl has been robbed of her innocence and given her own life sentence.

'We think five years was too lenient anyway, but when you consider the brute will only serve half that sentence because of the way it works, it is an absolute scandal.'

His daughter was walking home from school in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on November 18 last year when Bailey struck.

The day before, he had been bailed from a youth court for a string of burglaries committed four months earlier – after being re-arrested for breaking his existing bail conditions.

Prosecutor Kevin Hegarty told Warwick Crown Court the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was taking a short-cut home because she was excited about seeing the town's Christmas lights being switched on later that evening.

After she ignored his shouts of 'Hey, girl', and kept walking, Bailey, from Nuneaton, caught up with her and tried to kiss her.

She pushed him away, but Bailey grabbed her around the waist and dragged her into the field.

Savage: Robert Bailey repeatedly punched his victim

Mr Hegarty said: 'She was petrified and cried out for him to let her go, but he ignored her. He grabbed her. As she struggled, he punched her in the face.'

The girl pleaded for him to stop but Bailey punched her throughout the ordeal and afterwards threatened to kill her if she told anyone what he had done.

Neal Williams, defending, said Bailey apologised to his victim, saying: 'Sorry, I don't know what came over me.'

Bailey did not admit the rape until his sixth police interview because, he claimed, he was not sure if he had done it. He thought he could have been hallucinating because of the cocktail of substances he had taken, the court heard.

Judge Christopher Hodson lifted an order preventing Bailey being named because of the shocking nature of the crime.

Sentencing, the judge told him: 'You, as a result maybe of sniffing nail varnish, raped a 12-year-old. But it was not just a rape. You punched her repeatedly to the face, and used violence on her which was far beyond what was needed to do that evil thing.

'The sentence for that offence, were you to have been an adult and had contested it, would have been at least double figures.'

When a juvenile appears in Crown Court on a rape charge there is no maximum sentence.

The judge orders them to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure with a recommendation for how long they serve.

'Robbed of her innocence'

Bailey was given a further year, to run consecutively, for four burglaries and one attempted burglary.

The girl's parents said the sentence given to Bailey for rape was too little.

Her father, 36, said: 'The police were exceptional and absolutely supportive to us during the rape inquiry, but we feel so badly let down by the justice system.

'We would like to push for a change in the legal system which currently allows people to get out of custody so easily and too soon.'

His wife, 35, said: 'Our daughter is only 12. I still don't think she fully understands what's happened to her.

'But by the time she understands, when she's 15 or 16, she will still be at school – and he will be out on the streets.'

Rape Arrest Surprises Neighbors

Naperville Suspect Tries to Kill Himself in Jail

By Philip Franchine and Phillip J. O'Connor
Staff Writers

People who live near a 29-year-old Naperville man accused of raping an 11-year-old girl in the neighborhood expressed surprise Friday, and one described him as "a totally nice guy."

Some said that the suspect, Daniel Shellstrom, was so well-liked in the neighborhood that they would have been willing to leave their own children with him.

Shellstrom, of the 1900 block of Stanford Drive in the western suburb, was ordered held without bond Friday by DuPage Circuit Judge John T. Elsner, who said Shellstrom "poses a real and present threat" to himself and the community.

Assistant State's Attorney Suzanne M. Armstrong told the judge that Shellstrom tried to commit suicide after his arrest. DuPage County Jail officials said he tried to hang himself with his T-shirt about 1 a.m. Friday.

Armstrong said Shellstrom gave oral and written statements to police in which he admitted the rape.

Daniel Shellstrom

Investigators said Friday that three factors led to solving the crime—Shellstrom's red pickup truck, which was spotted near the victim's home shortly after the attack; a composite sketch of the rapist, and a phone call from an informant who saw the sketch.

The first call to police was made at 11:05 p.m. Monday, immediately after the attacker fled the girl's home, investigators said. At 11:15 p.m., Naperville Police Officer Robert Maloney spotted Shellstrom's unoccupied pickup truck parked on the street a block from the girl's home.

A check of the license plate showed that the car was registered to Shellstrom at his Naperville address a few blocks away, but initially there was nothing to tie Shellstrom to the rape, police said. Thursday afternoon the informant gave information on Shellstrom's possible involvement.

Shellstrom voluntarily came to the police station and admitted the rape, police said.

Naperville Police Chief David Dial said Shellstrom and the victim did not know each other. Dial said the rapist climbed latticework at the rear of the girl's two-story home, removed his clothes and cut a screen on a master bedroom window.

Then the intruder walked into the girl's second-floor bedroom and tried to rape her, Dial said. When she resisted, he took her to the first-floor living room, where he sexually assaulted her, Dial said.

The rapist ran out the front door and retrieved his clothes from the top of a ledge before fleeing, Dial said. No witnesses saw the rapist enter or leave the home, Dial said.

After the attack, the girl ran to her mother, who had been taking a shower, and the mother phoned police. Two other children were asleep at the time, police said.

Armstrong said that during the last 10 years Shellstrom had been charged with a misdemeanor count of obstruction of a peace officer in Illinois, but she could not offer any details.

Shellstrom is a shift supervisor at Field Container Co., which manufactures folding cartons, in Elk Grove Village.

In the neighborhood, Greg Furneaux, 13, said of Shellstrom: "He always played with his kids out in front, and he never showed any signs of being mean or violent. He was a totally nice guy, especially toward the kids." He often played basketball with other youths in Shellstrom's driveway.

Furneaux's brother, Grant, 11, said Shellstrom often used his snowblower to clear neighbors' sidewalks and driveways. The Furneaux brothers said they were shocked and scared when they heard about Shellstrom's arrest.

Others described Shellstrom as kind and patient with his own children, a girl, age 5, and boy, 4.

SOCIAL SERVICES FAILED TO WA

Scandal of paedophile freed to rape and kill a boy aged 11

BY MARK BLACKLOCK

A PAEDOPHILE who raped and murdered an 11-year-old boy when released unsupervised from a young offenders institute was jailed for life last week.

After the verdict members of Wesley Neailey's family were allowed into the jurors' room to thank them personally.

There were immediate calls for a public inquiry after it emerged that three social services departments knew about Dominic McKilligan's history of violent sex attacks on young boys — yet failed to warn police that he had been released. As McKilligan, 19, began his sentence, social workers who ignored Home Office guidelines about sex offenders were condemned by detectives who caught him.

Detective Superintendent Trevor Fordy, who led Northumbria police's harrowing investigation, said that psychiatrists who examined McKilligan in custody assessed him as a psychopath. He added: "If we had known that he was in our area then we might have known he was associating with children. The fact is that social workers knew of his release and we did not. Why? For whatever reason we were not informed."

He added: "It could happen again — there are people like this being released from custody all the time. Dominic McKilligan, in my view, was a time-bomb waiting to go off. Wesley Neailey was an innocent, vulnerable little boy who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

McKilligan falls into the category of personality disorder offenders who Home Secretary Jack Straw has sa he will take off the streets before the have even committed a crime. At th moment, psychopaths are regarded a untreatable by psychiatrists but ca not be detained even if they ar regarded as a danger to society.

Most are already in prison, but th legal loophole means they can wal out at the end of their sentence an there is nothing anyone can do to pro tect the public from them until they g out and commit another crime.

Newcastle Crown Court heard hov McKilligan was 17 when he wa released from the Aycliffe Youn People's Centre for disturbed childre in Co Durham, run by Durham Socia Services. He completed a course o specialist therapy after a spate o appalling sex attacks on young boys But he was released from the institute just one day before the new Sex Offenders Act — which would have revealed his presence to police officers — came into force.

At that time, Home Office guidelines were for social workers to report dangerous clients to the police, even if they fell outside the limits of the law.

Tragically, carers in charge of McKilligan stayed silent when he was resettled in the Arthur's Hill area of Newcastle's West End, just half-a-mile from the back-to-back terraces that were Wesley's playground.

Their silence is even more astonishing in the light of their knowledge of the sadistic and crazed attacks that McKilligan carried out against young boys in his home town of Bournemouth in Dorset.

The hatred felt for McKilligan there was such that social workers decided

Find my rapist pleads girl, 14

THE family of a girl subjected to a childhood of sexual abuse by a religious fanatic appealed for help in finding him yesterday and described him as a 'conniving, dangerous and vile monster'.

Religious fanatic Benjamin Griffiths, 63, who was on bail, failed to turn up for the last day of his trial last week as Chester Crown Court found him guilty of rape and indecent assault. He was jailed for ten years in his absence.

The 14-year-old victim's family said her life had been shattered by the actions of the former teacher, from Aberystwyth, west Wales.

The girl, who was nine at the time of the offences, said: 'Please help us find him so I can move on. I can't live with this pain any more – it's eating me up inside and destroying me.'

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CHICAGO

Man kidnapped girl, 12, assaulted her, police say

A man was charged late Sunday with sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl late last week in the Gold Coast neighborhood, police said.

Michael A. Gasper, 36, of the 1100 block of North State Street was charged with predatory criminal sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping, police spokeswoman Alice Casanova said. Gasper will appear in Violence Court at noon Monday.

Gasper was arrested Saturday in the CTA Red Line's Clark and Division Streets station.

The assault took place Thursday between 12:10 and 12:45 p.m. near the 100 block of West Walton Street, police said. Gasper approached the girl after she got off a bus, lured her to a nearby location and assaulted her, police said.

A citizen who saw a community alert poster describing Gasper spotted him and notified authorities, police said.

Officials say detectives are continuing to investigate.

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POLICE SEX OFFENDER WAS LOOSE

CAGED: Psychopath Dominic McKilligan is led away from court

he should be re-settled in the north. When he was released from Aycliffe in September 1997, he enrolled on a music course at a Newcastle college, sharing digs with two female students. In November, social workers in Newcastle were informed by their Bournemouth colleagues of his presence but only the faintest of efforts was made to contact police.

Within months of settling into his new home, well-spoken and self-assured McKilligan had befriended his trusting victim, a boy with learning difficulties. He later battered Wesley to death.

Even after the murder, McKilligan continued to crave the company of young boys and he appeared to be "grooming" another 11-year-old boy he met in the north-east as a search for Wesley was continuing.

Det Supt Fordy added: "He is one of the most plausible liars I have ever met. He is cunning and manipulative and at no time showed any remorse."

Afterwards, Wesley's grandfather Harry Hammond demanded that laws about sex offenders be changed. He said: "It's frightening that someone with his record and background can drift back into the community.

"Let's hope this time he's put away forever and the do-gooders don't turn round in 20 years' time and tell us that he's cured and should be released."

Admitted molester surgically castrated

'I'm doing this for me, so I can get control of my life,' says pedophile Jeffrey Morse, who still awaits sentencing.

By Janan Hanna
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Shortly after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Kane County Jail inmate Jeffrey Morse, 30, was wheeled into a hospital operating room, where he got his wish: He was surgically castrated.

The operation, which lasted 45 minutes, was completed without complication by an unidentified board-certified urologist at a Chicago-area hospital, Morse's attorney said.

Morse, a convicted child molester, began asking for the operation several months ago and insisted on going through with it even after a judge said he could offer Morse no guarantees of a light sentence in return. Even Morse's attorney, Paul Wharton, said he tried to talk Morse out of it in the minutes preceding the surgery.

It was the first time in Illinois that an inmate had made such a request and been granted a medical furlough to carry it out, legal experts said.

Castration: Pedophile Jeffrey Morse

30, who is awaiting sentencing for molesting two girls, is surgically castrated at his request

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rehabilitation," said John Mulhall, a urologist and the director of the Center for Male Sexual Health at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. "But my problem with this whole thing is what failure rate can we as a society accept. What if there's a 20 percent chance of recidivism? That's a very high failure rate. Can we accept that?"

Morse said he knows that he won't be able to convince most people that he can be rehabilitated, and he said he recognizes that he may spend many years in prison.

Dressed in a bright orange prison uniform and blue canvas gym shoes, Morse spoke Monday from an office just outside his jail cell. He sat calmly with his right ankle resting on his left knee, speaking about his crimes, his family background and his unwavering decision to be castrated, which gained him national publicity.

Morse, who was raised in Kentucky and lived in Schaumburg at the time of his arrest, described himself as a loner and "sex addict," adding that he had been obsessed with sex since puberty.

He said he was not sexually or physically abused as a child, but that he developed a voracious appetite for pornographic magazines and movies.

By the time he was 24, after a breakup with his fiance, Morse said he began fantasizing about young girls. He said he felt sexually insecure and immature. "Sex scared me some. I was looking for someone more on my own level," Morse said.

"It went into an area it shouldn't have," he said, his eyes moving toward the floor.

Morse admitted to the crimes that landed him in jail, and he said the police accounts of w happened were accurate—he v naked from the waist down wl he brandished a toy gun a asked each of the girls to perfo sexual acts. The first incid took place in October 1996, a involved the Algonquin girl. T second was in March 1997, w the St. Charles girl.

He said he feels sorry for w he did and worries about his tims: "Days don't go by whe don't feel sorry and wonder h they're going to handle it. It scares me to think that ma they're going to be afraid to outside."

Morse said he got the idea getting castrated from watch television.

"There was a guy on the n standing before a judge in orange uniform asking for th Morse said. It seemed like the fect solution for Morse, who he has long felt ashamed ab his sexual urges, but didn't kn how to control them.

"It's not going to vanish," M said of his urges. "I'm still goin need psychological help and e tually I'll get a better grip on it.

Asked why he didn't consid less drastic solution, like chem castration, which involves tak hormones, Morse said he wa the most effective procedure a able.

Short of castration, Morse "I'd have to shut myself in, a TV, avoid books. I can't avoid I can't avoid eventually getting and around other people either.

"Even though I buy [p nography] I'm bothered by i controlled me too much. I s money on magazines tha should've spent putting gas in car. Almost everything I've

Morse pleaded guilty last fall to molesting two girls—a 10-year-old from Algonquin and a 9-year-old from St. Charles—and is to be sentenced Feb. 24.

In a jailhouse interview with the Tribune the night before the surgery, Morse said he wanted to be castrated so he could control his sexual urges.

"I'm doing this for me, so I can get control of my life," Morse said. "It's a pretty bad life when every day you think about sex."

He said he believes that with castration and psychological counseling he could eventually be rehabilitated and live safely in society—even among children. That point of view is not shared by most medical and psychiatric experts.

There is little evidence that child sex offenders can be rehabilitated, most experts say. Even after surgical castration, in which the testicles are removed, a man can become aroused and have an erection.

"There's definitely a chance at

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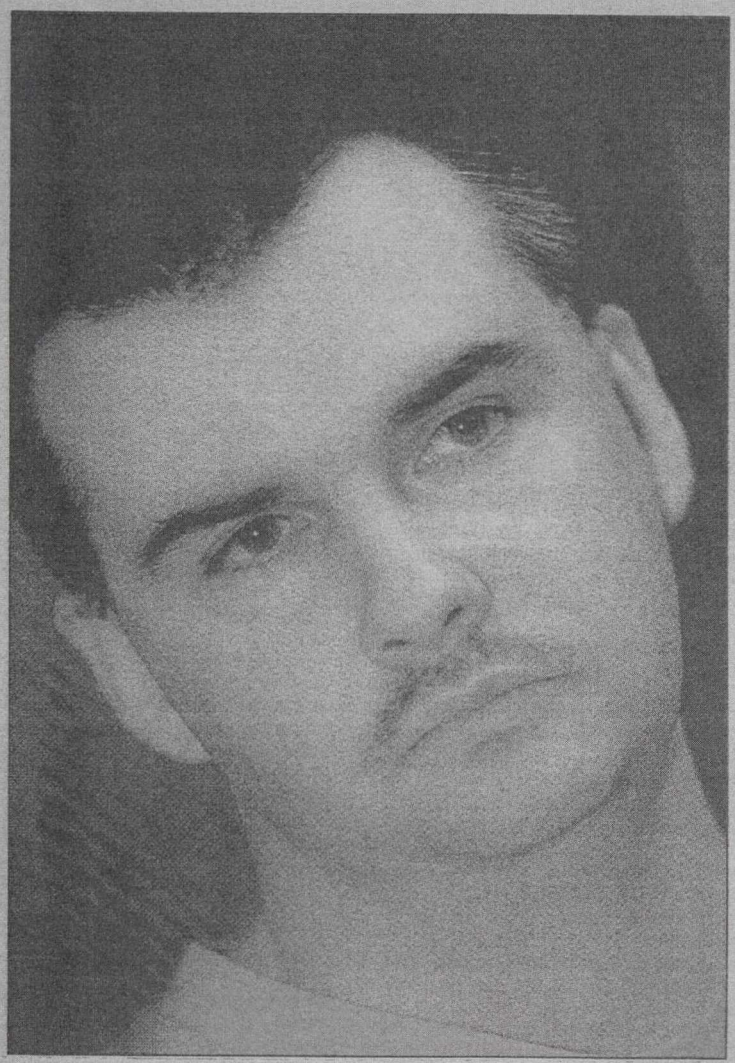

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Kane County Jail inmate Jeffrey Morse asked for a furlough from jail to be castrated even after a judge said he could offer him no guarantees of a light sentence in return. "This is for me," Morse said.

wrong in the last 17 years has been related somehow to sex."

Morse said he doesn't need sex anymore. He also said he has not enjoyed the publicity his decision has brought him, but he was speaking out in the hopes that "someone else will look at me and maybe say 'This is right for me. I need help.' "

Morse grew up in Owensboro, Ky., and lived with his mother until she died of cancer when Morse was 9.

After she died, Morse shuttled between relatives and an orphanage, and when he was 18 he joined the Army. He was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas, for 4½ years, and moved to the Chicago area in 1990 when he got engaged.

At the time of his arrest, he was a carpet cleaner for a Palatine company. He said he has never been violent or molested other children.

Before the surgery Tuesday, Morse received a spinal anesthetic and intravenous sedatives, and his lawyer said that while Morse was awake, he had no recollection of the procedure.

The procedure involves making one incision in the scrotum and removing the testes and the epididymes, the glands that sit behind the testes, Mulhall said.

By 1 p.m., Morse was back in jail recovering. His lawyer said Morse would not be available for comment.

"He's in a reasonable degree of pain," Wharton said. "But he's happy it's finally done."

Most of the literature on the recidivism rates of castrated sex offenders is 20 years old and originates in Germany and Denmark, where as late as the 1960s chemical or surgical castration was mandatory for certain sex offenders.

Recidivism rates are up to 15 percent in those studies, compared with 20 to 80 percent in the non-castrated population of sex offenders, Mulhall said.

"There are some people who believe that all sexual deviants have a personality disorder. Changing their testosterone levels is not going to change that," Mulhall said. "There's no evidence to show that castration is a cure-all."

For his part, Morse said he was not going to beg for mercy.

"There's no way I'm going to convince someone else [that I won't molest again]," Morse said. "But if a few people feel that I'll be safer to society because of this, that will just be another benefit. This is for me."

Arrest in Calif. girl's murder

Sheriff '100 percent certain' man abducted 5-year-old

By Ryan Pearson

STANTON, Calif.—A factory worker acquitted of molesting two girls two years ago was arrested Friday in connection with the slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, whose abduction sent a chill across Southern California.

Alejandro Avila, 27, was taken into custody at his mother's apartment in Lake Elsinore, about 50 miles from Stanton and 10 miles from where the body was found.

"I am 100 percent certain that Mr. Avila is the man who kidnapped and murdered Samantha Runnion," Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona said at a news conference Friday, about eight hours after announcing the arrest.

The sheriff credited the speedy arrest to solid forensic and scientific investigation as well as tips from the public and the media's work in spreading news of the abduction and the suspect's description.

No charges were immediately announced against Avila, but Carona said the case was "ready to be handed over to the district attorney's office."

An acquaintance said Avila was familiar with Samantha's apartment complex because he used to visit someone there a few years ago, before the Runnions moved in.

Alejandro Avila

Samantha Runnion

Suspect reportedly familiar with abduction site

Samantha was playing with a friend 50 yards from her front door Monday evening when she was dragged, kicking and screaming, into the light green car of a man who had asked for help in finding his puppy.

Before his arrest, Avila had denied any involvement in the slaying during an interview with the Los Angeles Times and said he told detectives that he was at a mall when Samantha was kidnapped.

He said detectives told him they had found fibers on the body they considered key evidence.

Avila's mother, Adelina Avila, said authorities searched her apartment late Thursday.

AP

Adelina Avila, mother of murder suspect Alejandro Avila, talks to reporters at her apartment door Friday in Lake Elsinore, Calif. She said she didn't think her son was involved.

"I don't think my son did anything, but I notice he is cooperating," she said.

Two years ago, Avila was charged with molesting two girls under 14, but he was acquitted by a jury, Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Paul Dickerson said. He said he did not have details of the case.

Lewis Davis, the foster brother of Avila's ex-girlfriend, said Avila had visited Samantha's neighborhood in Stanton on several occasions in 1998-99. He said Avila was visiting his girlfriend's daughter, who happened to live in the same complex where the Runnion family now lives.

Davis said his sister and Avila broke off their relationship in 1999. The Runnions moved to the complex last year, in part to provide a safer place for their daughter.

Samantha's nude body was discovered Tuesday on the edge of a forest, along a highway that connects Lake Elsinore with the suburban communities of Orange County, including Stanton. Authorities said she had been sexually assaulted and suffocated.

Avila has worked since last September as an assembler at the Temecula plant of Guidant Corp., which makes pacemakers and similar medical devices. A spokesman said the company was cooperating with investigators.

AP

Suspect held as a child abuser

Victim led police to hideout of alleged attacker

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By Tara Deering
Tribune staff reporter

Drawing gasps from inside the courtroom, a Cook County assistant state's attorney read in detail how prosecutors allege that a convicted child molester sexually abused a 10-year-old girl and two other children.

John Malinowski, 42, stood silent before a judge in Bond Court on Thursday as he faced a total of 15 charges, including one count of aggravated kidnapping, 10 counts of predatory sexual assault, two counts of criminal sexual abuse, one count of child pornography and one count of sexual exploitation. The judge ordered Malinowski held without bail.

Malinowski

Police credit his arrest to the courage of the 10-year-old girl they say he grabbed from an alley and then raped.

The girl took a shortcut through the alley in the 3400 block of South Claremont Avenue about 2 p.m. Tuesday because she was cold, prosecutors said. She was just a house away from her home when Malinowski grabbed her, covered her mouth and threatened to kill her. He then dragged her to a vacant third-floor apartment in Brighton Park at 3502 S. Artesian Ave., where he had been temporarily staying.

Malinowski, whose last known permanent address was in the 2800 block of West 38th Street, has been homeless since losing his job as a security guard.

After he performed sexual acts on the girl, she saw a digital wall clock that read 2:40 p.m. and told Malinowski she had to be home by 3 p.m. or her mother would get worried and call police, prosecutors said.

At one point, Malinowski showed the girl several photos in a green photo album of another girl engaged in sexual acts, Cook County Assistant State's Atty. Karen O'Malley said. Before letting her go, he

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CALIFORNIA

Molester finishes treatment but freedom is confining

SAN JOSE — A serial child molester became the first graduate of a state-mandated sex offender treatment program and was released from a hospital late Tuesday, officials said.

Brian DeVries, 44, departed Atascadero State Hospital and was sent to live on the grounds of a prison in the central California town of Soledad after more than 100 potential landlords refused to house him.

A judge earlier Tuesday ordered DeVries' release by Friday despite objections from the city and residents of Soledad.

"There was no reason to hold him back. He was ready," said a spokeswoman for the state Department of Mental Health.

State officials decided last week to house DeVries in a trailer at a medium security prison near Soledad, a rural town in Monterey County.

DeVries molested at least nine boys in New Hampshire, Florida and San Jose before serving a 4-year prison term.

ASSAULT: Attacks on 2 other kids told in court

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threatened her again not to tell anyone what happened, O'Malley said.

Moments later, O'Malley said the girl called her mother and told her what happened. Within hours, the girl led authorities to Malinowski's apartment, where they found him hiding in a closet wearing the security guard jacket he wore when he approached the girl, Chicago police Lt. Robert Hargesheimer said

Malinowski, who was convicted in 1987 of sexually abusing a 4-year-old boy, told police that the girl approached him and asked him to have sex with her.

On Tuesday, police took from the apartment a green photo album that led them to another 10-year-old girl and her 12-year-old brother, who police said Malinowski sexually abused and exploited from June 16, 2002, to Aug. 31.

Malinowski, who graduated from Kelly High School and is divorced, met the brother and sister after becoming their mother's supervisor at Intell Security Inc., where he worked as a security guard for more than 10 years, authorities said.

The children's mother said Thursday that Malinowski gave her a ride from work one rainy day and he soon became a friend of the family. It wasn't until she had known him for a year that she let Malinowski take her children to places like the beach, park and out to eat alone.

But she told Malinowski to stop coming around when he tried to take her daughter to his apartment without telling her, the mother said. In front of Malinowski, she said she asked her daughter if he had touched her, but her daughter said he had not.

But prosecutors said Malinowski sexually abused the girl, now 10, several times and forced her brother to take photos of the acts. He did not commit sexual acts with the boy, O'Malley said.

Malinowski recorded the dates of the sex acts in a journal that was confiscated Tuesday from the apartment, prosecutors said. He also wrote letters to the children's mother telling her of the sexual acts and that he committed them because "he had lost his job and car and thought he would be better off in jail," O'Malley said.

The mother said Thursday that she never received any letters from Malinowski.

The brother and sister said they didn't tell their mother about what they were forced to do because Malinowski had threatened them. "He said, 'If you don't take these pictures, I'm going to get you,' " said the boy, now 12.

The boy said he was relieved to find out that Malinowski had been arrested.

"It's been hard for me. I'm not holding it in anymore," he said.

Hundreds of leads in girl's death

By Chelsea J. Carter

STANTON, Calif.—Authorities hunted statewide Thursday for the killer of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, pursuing hundreds of tips and warning that anyone who resembles the suspect or drives a similar car could be questioned.

"There have been numerous detentions, there have been a few arrests, there have been vehicles impounded," Orange County Assistant Sheriff George Jaramillo said. But so far, no sign of the killer.

Investigators said they were checking to see if Samantha's case was similar to unsolved child killings nationwide. But the focus of the manhunt remained in Southern California, where about 400 Orange County sheriff's deputies and local police officers were joined by nearly 100 FBI agents.

"Those individuals who are driving green cars, those individuals who generally meet and match the description are going to be detained and questioned," Jaramillo said.

The girl was abducted Monday as she played outside her Stanton home with a friend. Authorities said she was snatched off the street by a man who had asked for help in finding his puppy.

Samantha's body was found Tuesday near a highway. Authorities said she had been sexually assaulted and smothered after being alive with for several hours.

Gov. Gray Davis on Thursday offered a $50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the girl's killer.

Sheriff Mike Carona said the suspect may bear physical signs of a struggle on his hands, arms and face. The girl's body was easily found—a sign the FBI said may indicate the killer plans to strike again. He said "we have a tremendous amount of physical evidence" and were sifting through more than 1,000 leads received from around the country.

Outside Samantha's home, a memorial of flowers, stuffed animals, balloons, candles and personal messages continued to grow. The courtyard of the housing complex, usually full of children playing, was empty and there were few people in a nearby park. *AP*

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Jesenia Lopez, 8, prays Thursday at a shrine erected in memory of Samantha Runnion in front of the Runnion home in Stanton, Calif.

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Town torn over move by convicted sex offender

Associated Press

GROTON, Vt.—Virginia Onorato says she instantly fell in love with the community of 900 whose welcome sign describes it as a place "where a small town is like a large family."

But she and her husband are finding the feeling isn't entirely mutual.

Robert Onorato will be released from prison Friday after serving nearly 20 years for murder and sexual assault. Virginia Onorato bought a home here a year ago.

Hours after a heated town meeting last week, her car was torched in her driveway. Police are investigating.

Onorato

On Tuesday night, state corrections officials let Robert Onorato plead his case before a crowd of nearly 100 residents.

"I want to live in this peaceful town just as much as you want a peaceful town," Onorato said. "I'd like to be part of this community. I realize that's going to take some serious time."

Some people are fearful, citing Onorato's conviction for sexually assaulting a 9-year-old boy in 1980, and his murder of a 19-year-old gas station attendant in 1978.

"I think I can safely say nearly everybody in this town thinks that what was done to your personal property is deplorable," Cory Drew told the Onoratos. "I can also safely say that the fear in this community is understandable."

Still, others welcomed the couple, including 46-year resident Patsy Bouley. "We'll be glad to pray for you, my husband and I," she told them.

Virginia Onorato met her husband through a ministry to prisoners. He has registered as a sex offender, as required, and will not be under police or parole supervision

Man gets 9 years for molesting teens on bus trip

BY STEVE WARMBIR
Federal Courts Reporter

A federal judge called a former counselor who molested teenage boys in a youth group a mother's "worst nightmare," and hit him with a nine-year prison sentence Tuesday.

James A. Cohen, 33, of Davie, Fla., was a group counselor on a cross-country bus trip run by a New York City-based Jewish youth group in 1997 and molested four 16-year-old boys, prosecutors said.

He molested another boy, who was 13, in late 1999 or early 2000, even after he was aware he was under investigation for preying on kids on the bus trip, prosecutors said.

"For somebody who's a mother, you're kind of a worst nightmare," U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer said, before sentencing Cohen to a tougher than usual sentence. "The abuse of your situation and their vulnerability is shocking and extremely distressing."

Cohen apologized for what he did to the teens and asked the judge to get him counseling while in prison.

"It's been eating me up inside," Cohen said.

In January this year, Cohen jumped bond on the case, stole $158,000 from the condo association he was president of and took off for Las Vegas.

He left a note behind saying he was going to kill himself.

Cohen was found in Las Vegas a few days later, in a stolen car and wearing a fanny pack with a .40-caliber Taurus handgun, a counterfeit North Miami Beach Auxiliary Police Badge and two Florida driver's licenses in other men's names.

Cohen left behind devastated victims, authorities said.

"Everyone seems to think I should know better," wrote one victim on the bus trip, who Cohen sexually abused in a hotel room in Sioux City, Iowa, when the victim was 16. "Nobody really understands what it's like for a friend to do that to you. . . . One day in the future I might meet a nice girl who I will care for deeply. I know that eventually I will have to tell her about this. I am scared that she will look at me differently because of this."

Another teenage boy who Cohen molested tried to kill himself, was put into a mental health hospital for a time and has been treated for depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, according to court records.

"If I had not been forced into such a horrific act I would have been able to do much more with my friends, family and career," the boy wrote. "Unfortunately, I was put into this experience and now must suffer for the rest of my life."

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Horror house will be wiped off the map

By Eric Towner

WORK will start soon on razing to the ground the macabre Moors Murders house of horrors to expunge memories of one of Britain's worst crimes and deter sightseeing ghouls.

Tenders have been invited from demolition contractors next week to take on the job of flattening No 16 Wardle Brook Avenue, on the sprawling overspilll estate at Hattersley, where child killers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley lived.

The city council's decision to reduce the notorious house to rubble follows protests from other tenants in the neighbourhood, angered at the renewed attention the two-bedroom dwelling has been getting from sightseers since the second, months-long digging operation on Saddleworth Moor.

Local people stunned by rumours that it is haunted, also want rid of the house 17-year-old Edward Evans was axed to death, and tapes and photographs of tragic child victims Lesley Ann Downey and John Kilbride were found.

A succession of tenants left after telling of screams of phantom children, noises in the night, and a damp patch that kept appearing on a mattress like the shape of a body.

Next Tuesday contractors will inspect the house and give a price for pulling it down. The tenders are due back a week on Monday.

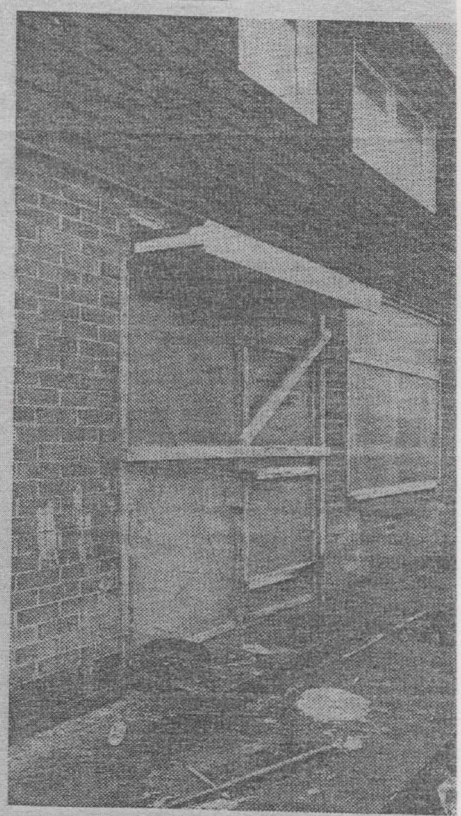
Council officials have acted in the face of local concern — one tenant quit the sinister house after

Edward Evans: Murdered

experiencing unease and being awakened by sounds like children crying, and another raised a petition asking for it to be demolished.

Mr Alan Johnson, manager of one firm invited to tender, Reddish Demolition, of Longsight, said: "We haven't a clue yet how much the job will cost because an exposed gable end will be left which needs building up and the whole site has to be landscaped.

"The council wants the place razed completely to make it look as though there never was a house there.



House of death: 16 Wardle Brook Avenu

Ann West: she spent 34 years campaigning to keep her daughter's killer in prison

Mother of Moors victim dies of cancer

By Claudia Joseph

THE mother of Lesley Ann Downey, the girl who was murdered by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, died yesterday at the age of 69.

Ann West, who had spent the past 34 years campaigning to keep Hindley in prison, died after a long battle against liver cancer.

Mrs West, who has three sons and 14 grandchildren, died at her home in Fallowfield, Manchester.She is to be buried alongside her daughter.

Her second husband, Alan, 62, said last night: "I will miss her more than words can say. It's a day that we knew would come but the shock of death is still dreadful.

"My comfort is in knowing that she is at last out of pain. Ann suffered more in her life than anyone should have to but she never lost her faith in God."

Mrs West, whose ten-year-old daughter was abducted from a fairground on Boxing Day, 1964, had campaigned to ensure that Hindley, 56, and Brady are never freed.

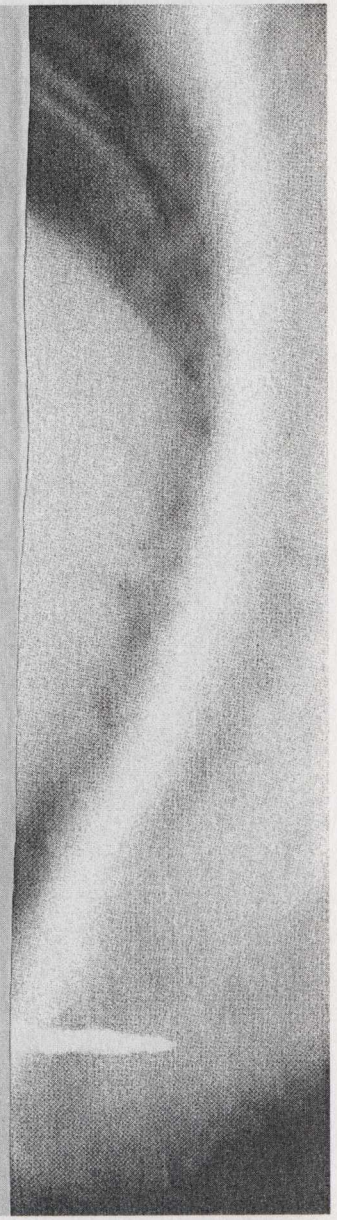
When, in 1997, she was given only weeks to live, she vowed to haunt Hindley. She said: "I will rest in peace, but I will haunt that woman. I will be on her shoulder morning, noon and night."

Hindley was jailed in May 1966 for the murder of Lesley Ann and Edward Evans, 17. In 1987 she confessed to the killing of Pauline Reade, 16, and

Hindley and, below, her ten-year-old victim, Lesley Ann Downey

Keith Bennett, 12, and burying their bodies on Saddleworth Moor on the edge of the Peak District.

Winnie Johnson, 63, whose son Keith Bennett was also murdered by Hindley but whose body has never been found, said of Mrs West: "She was a remarkable woman, an inspiration." Danny Kilbride, whose elder brother John was also murdered by the couple, said: "Ann was an incredible fighter."



A bitter discovery over claims for compensation

The final anguish

Moors families to lose out?

THE parents of the moors murder victims may be robbed of the chance to claim compensation for criminal injuries unless the man at the top has a change of heart.

EXCLUSIVE
by Chris Humphreys

Under current rules, claims must be made within three years of the crime. Only the personal intervention of chairman of the criminal injuries board, Mr Michael Ogden, QC, can waive the ruling.

And Mrs Winifred Johnson, mother of schoolboy Keith Bennett, will receive nothing for her suffering because 20 years has gone by since his disappearance and no grave has been uncovered.

The mother of murder victim Lesley Ann Downey, Mrs Ann West, and the parents of John Kilbride were never told at the time of the murder trials that they were entitled to claim.

Now Mrs West has been told she is too late even though she still tries to block out the nightmare of her daughter's taped torture with 300mg of sleeping pills and valium per day.

She said: "I feel so bitter about it. It's not the money, I would have used that to help other victims. What angers me is that Hindley had all the legal backing. I never even had a solicitor."

It is 23 years since 10-year-old Lesley Ann went to the fair and fell into the hands of child killers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady.

Since then 58-year-old Mrs West has borne her hatred through a heart attack and cancer, and has developed angina and asthma as a result of mental stress.

Sitting in her Whalley Range home below a portrait of Lesley Ann, she said: "No one has suffered more than I have. It's not the dying. I'd sooner have seen her run under a bus.

"It was the torture, the screams on that tape. No one really knows what she went through. I still hear her now. She could have married and had children. That's a whole generation lost."

A spokesman for the criminal injuries board said: "Applications will be entertained only if made within three years of the incident giving rise to the injury.

"In exceptional circumstances the time limit can be waived by the chairman but this is unlikely after so long. Anyone feeling they have a right to make a claim can always put one in."

Mrs Ann West — bitter and broken after 23 years of torment.

MUM'S DYING PLEA TO KEEP HINDLEY IN JAIL

THE mother of Moors Murder victim Lesley Ann Downey died yesterday from cancer — vowing to haunt child killer Myra Hindley.

Ann West, 69, said: "I hope my name lives on and will haunt Hindley every day in a cell until she dies. I want her to know that even from beyond the grave I am helping to keep her behind bars.

VOW: Ann West

"If my death means anything I pray it will make people remember her."

Hindley and lover Ian Brady were sentenced to life imprisonment in 1966 for the murder of three youngsters.

Ann had to listen in court to a tape of her 10-year-old daughter being tortured. She said: "It was a nightmare. She was begging for me, her mum, on tape. I have never forgotten Lesley's screams and Hindley's evil voice telling her to shut up."

By STEPHEN WHITE

Ann, from Manchester, spent the rest of her life fighting bids to free her daughter's killer.

She said: "Hindley should never be free. Brady won't. He knows that and has accepted it. She must do the same."

Moors murder victim's mother dies of cancer

By Adam Lusher

ANN West, whose daughter Lesley Ann Downey was killed by the Moors murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, died yesterday after a long battle against liver cancer.

Mrs West, 69, had campaigned tirelessly to ensure Hindley was never freed.

She had prayed to outlive Hindley who, with Ian Brady, tortured, sexually assaulted and strangled Lesley Ann, 10, after luring her from a fair in 1964.

When she learned she was dying, Mrs West said: "I hope my name lives on and will haunt Hindley every day in a cell until she dies. I want her to know that even from beyond the grave I am helping to keep her behind bars.

"How could I ever forgive or forget her? She took my daughter's life and destroyed mine."

Mrs West, who died at home in Fallowfield, Manchester, had asked to be buried alongside her daughter. She said recently: "I believe that I am going to be with my little girl — that after all this pain and torment we will finally be together again."

Ann West: torment

Mrs West's second husband, Alan 62, said: "My comfort is in knowing she is at last out of pain.

"Ann suffered in her life more than anyone should have to. But she never lost her faith in God."

Mrs West, who had three sons and 14 grandchildren, had endured hearing Brady and Hindley's tape of Lesley Ann pleading: "I want to see my mummy."

She had suffered cancer and heart attacks and had been given weeks to live in 1997. But she had continued to campaign against her daughter's killers, saying: "As long as those two killers breathed, I vowed to keep them where they should be. I owed it to Lesley and myself.

"It has been a life sentence for me, but now that life sentence is coming to an end."

Winnie Johnson, 65, mother of Keith Bennett, 12, who was also killed by Hindley and Brady, said last night: "She was a remarkable woman and an inspiration. The campaign to keep Hindley in prison will be strengthened by her memory."

Hindley and Brady were jailed in 1966 for murders including Lesley Ann's. In November 1998 three Appeal Court judges rejected Hindley's attempt to overturn a ruling by Jack Straw , the Home Secretary, that her life sentence "means life".

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DEATHBED MUM IN HINDLEY PLEA

EVIL: Myra Hindley

VICTIM: John Kilbride

By DAVID BROWN

TRAGIC Moors Murders mum Sheila Kilbride made a moving deathbed plea: "Don't ever let Myra Hindley out of jail."

Sheila, 70, died of heart failure after nearly 40 years of torment following Hindley's savage killing of her 12-year-old son John.

After the grieving mum's funeral last Thursday, a friend revealed: "She never came to terms with John's murder and was constantly battling against Hindley's efforts to win freedom.

"Her dying wish was that Hindley should spend the rest of her life behind bars for her awful crimes. It was the one thought that gave her some peace of mind."

Sheila, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, insisted on her ashes being buried at John's grave.

Hindley, 59, and fellow Moors Murderer Ian Brady, 64, were sentenced to life 1966.

MOORS BLAZE DEATH PROBE

STEPFATHER : Alan

By JAN DISLEY

POLICE were yesterday questioning a 40 year-old woman over the fire that killed the brother of Moors murder victim Lesley Anne Downey.

Tommy West, 45 and his seven year-old daughter, Kimberley, both died in the blaze on Hogmanay.

Two other people – believed to be Tommy's wife Lesley and nine-year-old son Stuart – were rescued after fire ripped through the house in Fallowfield, Manchester.

The family were house-sitting for Tommy's stepfather, Alan West, who is in hospital recovering from a hip operation.

Alan West's wife, Ann, died of liver cancer two years ago. Her 10-year-old daughter Lesley Ann was tortured and murdered by Ian Brady and Myra Hindley more than 30 years ago.

Tommy's body was found next to Kimberley after he died in a desperate bid to save her.

Two firemen were hurt in the rescue and the West family yesterday issued a statement thanking the emergency services.

They added: "We have been devastated by this and would ask for no further press attention. We hope our wishes are respected."

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20 funeral firms refuse the Hindley ceremony

By **Gordon Rayner**

UNDERTAKERS for miles around have refused to handle Myra Hindley's funeral, it was revealed last night.

The Prison Service, which feared no firm in the country would agree to take the job, was eventually forced to hire one 200 miles from where the Moors Murderer is due to be cremated.

Up to 20 undertakers based in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk declined to handle Hindley's funeral because of the catastrophic effect it would have on their businesses.

Only a handful of senior Home Office, Prison Service and police staff know the identity of the firm – based in the North of England – which will take Hindley's body from the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds to Cambridge Crematorium to be cremated at 7.30pm today.

Nick Armstrong, an independent undertaker based in Bury St Edmunds, was one of those who said no.

'If we handled a funeral like that, would anyone ever want to use our hearse again for a relative's funeral?,' he asked. 'Would anyone want to use our chapel of rest?

'It's just not something we feel that we could do. I wouldn't feel comfortable doing it.'

'Wouldn't feel comfortable'

A plan for Hindley to be cremated on a day when no other funerals were taking place was scrapped because of concerns over the cost of keeping a 24-hour guard on her body until a free day could be found.

Instead, Hindley, who died last week at the age of 60, will be cremated after eight other funerals at the crematorium's two chapels.

Cambridge Crematorium, which is owned by the local city council, was chosen after several privately-run establishments nearer to where Hindley died refused to conduct her cremation.

Dozens of police officers will be on duty to keep members of the public well away from the site on the A14 dual carriageway.

The estimated £2,500 cost of the policing will be met by the taxpayer, while the £340 cost of the service will come from money saved by Hindley before she died.

The crematorium has four separate incinerators, one of which will be kept clear throughout the day to take Hindley's coffin.

Robert Hammond, chief executive of Cambridge City Council, said he was aware that the crematorium could be stigmatised because of Hindley's funeral. But he insisted: 'We provide a public service and everyone is entitled to it.'

The East Chapel of the crematorium, built in 1938, seats 56 mourners, though only 12 have been invited to Hindley's funeral and not all are expected to attend.

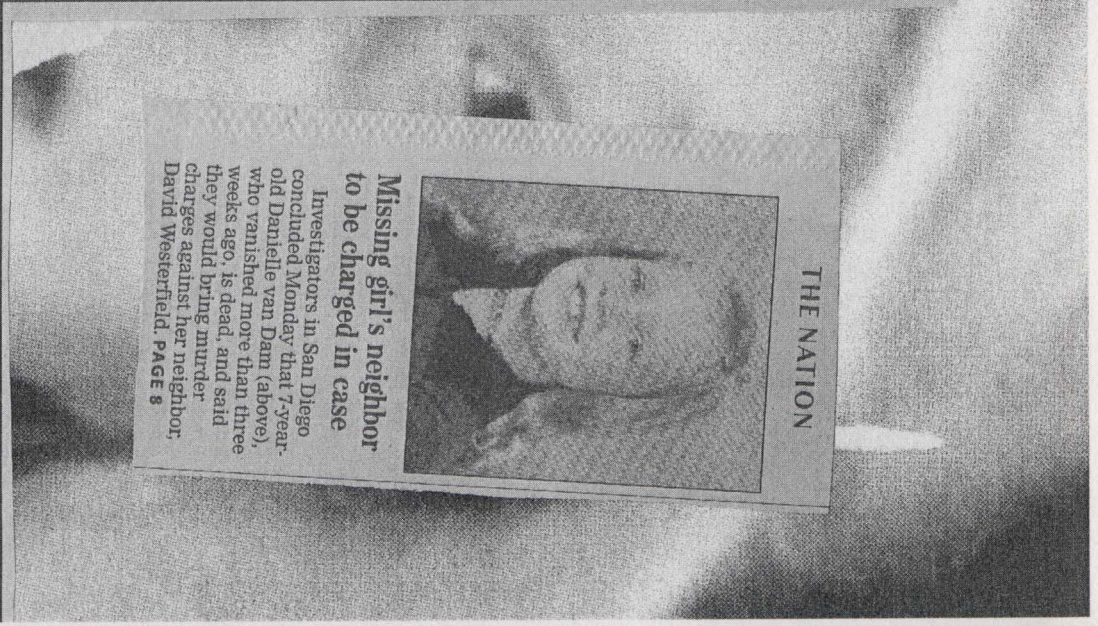
The 12 include her mother Nellie Moulton, 82, who is understood to be too frail to make the journey from her Manchester nursing home, solicitor Andrew McCooey and Hindley's lover Nina Wilde, 41.

The funeral will be conducted by Roman Catholic priest Father Michael Teader, who visited Hindley at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk weekly for the last four years of her life and was present when she died last Friday.

Mr McCooey said his client had asked for Albinoni's Adagio to be played and wanted 'a mass to be offered for repose of her soul'.

Superintendent John Raine, of Cambridgeshire Police said: 'A policing operation has been put in place to ensure that a dignified cremation is allowed to take place, such as would be accorded to any other individual.'

Final plans: Hindley's body will be cremated tonight



THE NATION

Missing girl's neighbor to be charged in case

Investigators in San Diego concluded Monday that 7-year-old Danielle van Dam (above), who vanished more than three weeks ago, is dead, and said they would bring murder charges against her neighbor, David Westerfield. PAGE 8

Mrs Johnson: Weekly search

Outrage at 'blood money' book by Hindley

Hindley: Jail author

By Jim Seddon

MYRA Hindley's plan to publish a book about the sex killings of five youngsters has brought a "blood money" protest from the victims' outraged families.

The Moors monster, who committed four of the murders with her lover, Ian Brady, 23 years ago, has written the book in her cell. She has already found an agent and publisher.

London solicitor Benedict Birnberg, who acts for Brady, today said the murderer has nothing to do with the book.

"It's disgusting," said Mrs Winnie Johnson, mother of 12-year-old Keith Bennett, whose grave on Saddleworth Moor has never been found.

"She's writing a book and I can't get any help to find my son," added Mrs Johnson, of Morley Avenue, Fallowfield.

"I've had 24 years of purgatory. My husband James, is ill, but he comes up to the moors with me every week to look for Keith's remains.

"We won't rest until we find him. So instead of writing a book, this evil woman should be hypnotised to help us find where she and Brady buried Keith."

Ann West, mother of murdered 12-year-old Lesley Ann Downey, said at her home in Fallowfield, Manchester: "I am absolutely disgusted. Where does she think the money from the book is going to?

"I have spent the last 20 years writing a book, but I can't get it published. "Mine should be given priority, because it is the truth. Her's won't be. That's obvious from the letter she wrote to me last year after Pauline Reade's body was found. That was all lies.

"My daughter's birthday is coming up on Boxing Day. This monster is always spouting off about this time every year. She seems determined to carry on hurting us.

"I don't think people should buy this book, and I'm praying they don't. She is making money out of other people's grief. She should be helping poor Mrs Johnson to find her son's body."

MP Geoffrey Dickens, whose Littleborough and Saddleworth constituency includes the moors, said: "I'm appalled that the book would even be considered by an agent or publisher.

2nd brother guilty in child porn

Lansing man to get 41 months in plea bargain

By John McCormick
Tribune staff reporter

A Lansing man pleaded guilty Thursday to possessing thousands of pornographic images of children, including some as young as infants.

Keith Willis, 47, agreed to a prison sentence of 41 months when he entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber. He will be sentenced in December.

Willis, a registered sex offender who spent seven years in state prison after pleading guilty in 1989 to sexually assaulting three young girls, agreed with Assistant U.S. Atty. Christina Egan that he stored more than 7,000 images and 85 movies on his home computer. Most of the images were child pornography and "erotica."

Willis also acknowledged that he knew there were more than 30,000 images of child pornography on a computer at his brother's Glenwood condominium, where the brothers at times lived together.

Willis' brother, Kevin Willis, 42, pleaded guilty to child pornography charges last month and under ordinary guidelines faces up to 33 months in prison when he is sentenced in September. Kevin Willis also admitted to possessing hundreds of printouts of young girls performing acts of bondage and sadomasochism.

To block Kevin Willis' release following his arrest last fall, prosecutors produced a letter in which he purportedly praised pedophilia as "just as honorable, beautiful and deserving of support" as other sexual preferences.

After obtaining a tip from an area resident that the brothers might possess child pornography, Cook County authorities obtained a search warrant last September and discovered pornography throughout the condominium, even inside kitchen cabinets. At the time, authorities described the cache as one of the largest and most gruesome found to date in Cook County.

Among the printouts discovered were images of young girls who appeared to have been tortured, raped and killed, although authorities have said they don't have evidence to prove that the so-called "snuff" images are real. The FBI also recovered hundreds of Barbie dolls and action figures at Keith Willis' residence in Lansing.

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NEWS

Missing girl was killed, officials say

By Ben Fox

SAN DIEGO—Investigators concluded Monday that a 7-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom more than three weeks ago is dead, and said they would bring murder charges against her neighbor.

"I must conclude that Danielle van Dam is no longer living and was killed by her abductor," District Attorney Paul Pfingst said.

David Westerfield, 50, who lives two doors down from the van Dams, was arrested Friday on suspicion of kidnapping. Authorities said they found traces of Danielle's blood in Westerfield's motor home.

That, combined with the fact that Danielle has not been found despite extensive publicity, "provides only one reasonable conclusion, and that is Danielle van Dam is no longer living," Pfingst said.

Investigators also confiscated child pornography from Westerfield's home.

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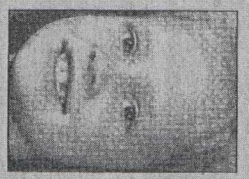

Danielle van Dam
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GURNEE

Man accused of hiding camera in teen girl's gift

A Gurnee man was charged with child pornography after he gave a neighbor's 13-year-old daughter a lava lamp with a video camera hidden inside, authorities said Tuesday.

Robert M. Faber, 33, of the 7200 block of Presidential Drive was arrested Thursday and is free on bail, Gurnee police said. He also is charged with unauthorized videotaping and eavesdropping, authorities said.

Faber is accused of taping the girl while she was in her bedroom sometime after March 15, according to court records. The taping was discovered when a neighbor saw a video image of the girl on a video baby monitor and recognized her, according to authorities.

Police also found a pinhole camera with a live feed set up in Faber's family room, which he allegedly used to tape the girl when she baby-sat for his children, officials said.

If found guilty, Faber could be sentenced to 15 years in prison. He is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 9.

Molester to live near prison

California predator finished treatment

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—A sexual predator who was the first graduate of a post-prison treatment program will live in a trailer near a prison after his release, the state said Wednesday after trying for months to find a suitable home.

The site is temporary while the state looks for more-permanent lodging, said Nora Romero, spokeswoman for the Department of Mental Health.

The inmate, Brian DeVries, could be released as early as Sunday.

Romero ruled out the possibility that DeVries would move to Washington state to live with his father—an earlier option both states found objectionable.

"He will live in a trailer in Monterey County, on land that is under the operation and control of the Department of Corrections," Romero said. The trailer is at the edge of the Correctional Training Facility, a medium-security prison near Soledad and about 20 miles from downtown Salinas.

DeVries, 44, a child molester who had himself surgically castrated and has promised to live a "kid-free" life, said in a telephone call from prison that he was satisfied with the site.

after relocation effort fails

DeVries has been held since 1997 at the Atascadero State Hospital with about 400 sex offenders. He is the first sexual predator to complete the state's treatment program, which tries to rehabilitate the most dangerous offenders. Most are refusing treatment.

The release process was shrouded in secrecy as officials tried to avoid the outrage that often arises when sex offenders move into a neighborhood.

An earlier effort to house DeVries in Santa Clara County fell apart after neighbors fought the plan. A judge ordered the department to find suitable housing in California or release DeVries by Sunday to his father in Washington. Governors of Washington and California publicly objected, and California officials said the restrictions the state planned to impose would not apply in Washington.

Those rules include requiring DeVries to stay in state-funded housing and submit to outpatient treatment that includes monitoring by satellite, extensive therapy and random searches of his home and vehicle.

DeVries must register as a sex offender with the Monterey County sheriff's office within five days of the move and must obtain a driver's license and transportation to continue his outpatient treatment. Treatment and monitoring will cost $180,000 a year, Romero said.

XIANA: A STARTLING NEW TWIST

POLICE were totally baffled by the disappearance of 7-year-old Xiana Fairchild as she walked to her school bus stop last December - until now!

In a startling twist, an 8-year-old Vallejo, Calif., girl was snatched off a street on Aug. 10, but escaped her abductor two days later.

Now, police believe Curtis Dean Anderson, 39, who's charged with kidnapping and sexually assaulting the girl, may be linked to Xiana's disappearance, say reports.

"There are a lot of similarities between the two cases," says Vallejo Police Lt. JoAnn West.

"Right now we are sifting through items in his car and former residences to find any link between this and previous crimes."

When Xiana vanished last Dec. 9, her mom, Antoinette Robinson, 30, and her drug-user boyfriend Robert Turnbough, 33, were "under a cloud of suspicion," cops said.

Now Robinson and Turnbough claim Anderson, who has a history of abusing women and girls, visited their apartment shortly before Xiana vanished, say reports.

Xiana's aunt, Stephanie Kahalekulu, is praying Anderson will spill his guts to cops: "I wish there was a way to get it out of him!"

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Mom's friend charged with abusing kids

Seized after another girl accuses him of abduction, assault

BY STEFANO ESPOSITO AND ANNIE SWEENEY
Staff Reporters

The two children still have the gifts John Malinowski, a friend of their mother, gave them over the year he allegedly abused them — a wooden model car wrapped in red ribbon and a photo album of "Love Is. . ." cartoons.

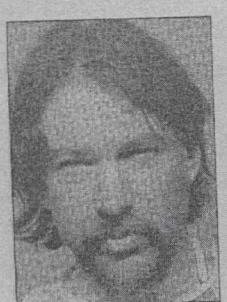
The boy and his sister said the abuse finally ended several months ago — without their ever saying a word to their mother.

"He said he was going to get me," the boy said Thursday as his mother talked to a reporter.

This week, Malinowski allegedly found another victim. He snatched a 10-year-old girl walking home from school and assaulted her in a vacant apartment Tuesday afternoon, investigators said.

But the 10-year-old — unusually courageous and articulate, according to police — went straight to her mom and led police to Malinowski, who was hiding inside a closet of the Southwest Side apartment where he had attacked her.

"We don't know why he all of the sudden decides to snatch a kid off the street," said Lt. Robert Hargesheimer of the Special Investigations Unit. "Why now? Why that girl? These are questions that are all going to be answered during the trial."



John Malinowski
"A loner"

But Hargesheimer said it is very likely that Malinowski, who was convicted in 1986 of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old, would have attacked again if he hadn't been arrested.

"He's very capable of doing it again," Hargesheimer said.

Malinowski, 42, was ordered held without bail Thursday on charges of predatory criminal sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, child pornography and child exploitation. Malinowski, a former security guard, was charged with 15 counts in all

Neighbor Kimberly Speer points to the apartment in the 2800 block of West 38th Street where John Malinowski once lived and where he allegedly assaulted a little girl. –SCOTT STEWART/SUN-TIMES

for the alleged attacks.

Malinowski met the mother of the brother and sister about seven years ago. At some point, they both worked at Intell Security Inc. on the South Side.

The woman, who gave an interview in her South Side home as her two children — now 12 and 10 — played, said Malinowski first took the family on outings. Eventually, he was spending time alone with the kids, taking them to the zoo, McDonald's, the beach or to his apartment, which was cluttered with lava lamps, stuffed toys and wooden models of old cars.

He gave her son two wooden model cars and her daughter a photo book filled with clippings of the "Love Is. . ." cartoon. As her mother described the gifts, the girl hovered nearby and asked, "Am I going to get in trouble for that book?"

Beginning in June 2002, police say Malinowski sexually assaulted the girl — who was 8 or 9 at the time — at his home in the 2800 block of West 38th Street and at the girl's home in the 4100 block of South Western. Malinowski is also accused of forcing the girl's brother, then 10, to take sexually explicit Polaroid photos of the girl and Malinowski.

"I wish they would put him in a cell and forget where the key was at," their mother said Thursday. "I'm sorry I ever met him. I wish to God I hadn't."

In this week's alleged attack, Malinowski is accused of abducting the 10-year-old girl from an alley in the 3400 block of South Claremont while she walked home from school. He put his hand over the girl's mouth and threatened to kill her if she screamed, prosecutors said. He then allegedly took her to a vacant apartment where he'd been staying in the 3500 block of South Artesian and assaulted her, prosecutors said.

Malinowski allegedly showed her the Polaroid photographs.

The girl told Malinowski that if she didn't return home by 3 p.m., her mother would call police. Malinowski dropped the girl off at a nearby restaurant, officials said.

Police arrested Malinowski the same day. Beside him in the closet was a green bag containing the explicit Polaroids displayed in a photo album and a journal listing the dates of the sexual assaults against the girl who lived on Western, authorities said. Investigators said they also found letters addressed to that girl's mother, in which he said he assaulted her daughter because he'd lost his apartment and car and "figured he'd be better off in jail."

A representative of Intell Security said Malinowski worked there until about a year ago. He was never armed and was typically sent to guard parking lots or construction sites, said a representative of the company.

Malinowski's work record was spotty. "He'd work for a while and disappear," the representative said. "He was a loner. Quiet and withdrawn."

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Caseworker sentenced for making sex tape

A former caseworker for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago was sentenced Wednesday to approximately 10 years in prison for videotaping two boys in separate instances while they engaged in sexual acts.

Philip Kaszynski, 37, formerly of southwest suburban Justice, turned to face relatives of one victim in court and apologized shortly after the boy's mother asked the judge to "please put him away for as long as possible."

"Please don't hate me," Kaszynski said. "I need some serious help."

In addition to the 121-month prison term, U.S. District Judge David Coar recommended that Kaszynski receive sex offender treatment in prison and barred unsupervised contact with minors for 3 years after his release.

Judge gives lower sentence for child porn

BY STEVE WARMBIR
Federal Courts Reporter

A collector of brutal child pornography, whom prosecutors called "a clear threat to children," was sentenced to 2½ years in prison Thursday, about half the time he could have received, after a federal judge in Chicago made an unusual decision in his favor.

David Malik, 20, of Chicago, admitted to having at least 4,000 computer images and 150 digital videoclips of child pornography on his computer, some of it involving the sadistic abuse of children. He previously had been convicted in state court of crimes in connection with pleasuring himself in a schoolyard and spraying little girls with a hose and making sexual remarks, authorities said.

Prosecutors had expected Malik would be sentenced to roughly 4 to 5 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in January.

But U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur, in a technical ruling, decided it would be more fair to sentence him under the guidelines for the less serious of the two child porn crimes to which Malik pleaded guilty—possession of child pornography. That resulted in the lower sentence, over prosecutors' objections.

Prosecutors had no comment on the judge's decision.

Malik apologized in court for his crimes. The judge recommended he be sent to a federal prison where he can receive counseling.

"I realize my life is in the hands of God," Malik said.

Pizza delivery key to arrest in California abduction case

BY MAY WONG

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The 9-year-old girl kidnapped from her home helped police make a quick arrest by remembering a key detail from her two-day ordeal—a Little Caesar's pepperoni pizza that was delivered to the house where she was allegedly held captive.

Hours after she was released and dropped off at a convenience store, that detail enabled police track down the address, where they arrested David Montiel Cruz, 24, in a raid at the house he shared with his girlfriend.

Cruz was being held without bail Tuesday on suspicion of attempted murder, kidnapping, sexual assault and assault with a deadly weapon.

Police said Cruz may have met the victim earlier when she played with his girlfriend's twin 11-year-old daughters, perhaps even at the house where she was allegedly held.

"The motive appears to be a sexual abduction," Assistant Chief Thomas Wheatley said. Police said they have physical evidence of a sexual assault.

The girl turned up late Sunday at a convenience store in East Palo Alto, about 30 miles from her home. Police suspect she was dropped off by her captor, who might have been frightened by the attention focused on the case, said Deputy Police Chief Rob Davis.

The girl was kidnapped Friday after returning home from school. Her attacker sped off with her after fighting both her brother and mother. They told authorities they did not recognize the man.

An Amber Alert was issued and even the pizza man took part in the search, delivering a sketch of the suspect along with the pizza to Cruz's house. Deliveryman Lamar Cox said he did not remember who answered the door. *AP*

Police are following up on 600 leads in the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart, 14.

Focus shifts in probe of missing girl

By Patty Henetz
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Detectives have refocused their investigation into the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart on those who knew the 14-year-old girl, the Salt Lake City chief of police said Tuesday, vowing to the unidentified suspect: "We are going to get you."

"If you've got Elizabeth, you'd better release her now," Chief Rick Dinse said on the seventh day of the investigation.

Despite looking into hundreds of tips, police have not focused on any particular suspect and have not ruled out an abduction by a stranger.

But Dinse indicated the investigation had narrowed.

"We believe that it is possible that we have already talked to, or will soon talk to, the suspect that is responsible for this crime," Dinse said. "My caution to this suspect, if he is listening, is, 'We are going to get you.' "

Investigators spent several hours in the Smart home early Tuesday, searching for clues to the girl's June 5 disappearance. Police said they have ruled out the possibility that the girl staged her own abduction and was a runaway.

So far, police have received 6,000 leads, of which 600 were worthy of followup. Half of those have been cleared.

The probe has led investigators to focus on people who had access to the area or the house, although not necessarily a family member, Dinse said.

Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father, submitted to a polygraph test on Sunday. The test is being evaluated by the FBI. Police would not say what questions were asked, and a family spokesman did not know whether Smart had an attorney present during the questioning.

In a statement released Monday evening, Smart said, "When asked by law enforcement I fully cooperated because I have nothing to hide. We are doing everything in our power to bring back Elizabeth."

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Guards for Townshend after death threat mail

By **Nicole Lampert**

SHAMED rock star Pete Townshend has hired round-the-clock security after receiving death threats and taunts about his Internet porn caution.

Friends say the 57-year-old is terrified of an attack and is constantly harassed in the street by people calling him 'Paedo Pete'.

Bodyguards now accompany the Who star everywhere and patrol the gates of his West London mansion through the night.

Townshend was cautioned and placed on the Sex Offenders Register for five years in May after he was caught paying to access a child porn website.

He claimed he did so because he was concerned at the shocking material readily available on the Internet.

'Pete is a changed man because of what has happened,' said a friend last night. 'He has become practically a recluse. He rarely goes out and has hardly seen his friends. He has received a lot of hate mail.'

Townshend said recently that he wanted to meet all the people who did not believe he was innocent of any wrong-doing.

'I'm going out on the street to give those people who are undecided a chance to look me in the eye and make their own decision,' he said.

Cops show 'very disturbing' tape from Calif. kidnapping

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Police investigating the abduction of a fourth-grade girl released a grainy surveillance videotape Sunday that contains several brutal images and sounds from the brazen crime.

Jennette Tamayo, 9, was still missing Sunday and presumed to be with the man who assaulted the girl's mother and brother before speeding off with the child.

The investigation carried on in full force Sunday, with search and rescue teams scouring the San Jose area and beyond for any sign of the missing girl.

The tape, shot by a neighbor's home surveillance cameras, showed a man pulling up in front of Tamayo's home Friday afternoon and going inside. Police aren't sure how he was able to enter the house, but they believe he may have gotten in through a broken rear window.

After about 25 minutes inside the house, the suspect is seen returning to wait in the car. Around him, neighbors carry out their daily activities, like playing basketball and bringing children home from school.

At one point another car drives past, then backs up and lingers next to the suspect's car. Police said they are looking for the driver of that car but have no information on who it might be.

Jennette Tamayo
Hunt is on

About 4:20 p.m., Jennette is seen crossing the street and entering the house alone. The man gets out of the car about 90 seconds later and follows her into the house.

Jennette, a playful, smiling fourth-grader with long dark-brown hair streaked with blonde, was generally dropped off by a school bus a few blocks from home, neighbors said.

After 25 minutes inside the house, the suspect comes back outside and backs his car into the garage.

Around this time, Jennette's mother, aunt and 15-year-old brother drive up to the house. The aunt is seen getting out and driving away in a separate car, while the boy tries to open the garage door. He manages to pry the bottom part of the door open and crawl underneath, at which point, police say, he is attacked and choked by the man inside.

While the attack isn't visible on the surveillance tape, sounds of the altercation can be heard and Rosalie Tamayo is seen running inside the house to help her son. Police said the suspect confronted her between the kitchen and garage, and beat her with pans and a ladder.

By now the boy has broken free, and is seen on the tape running outside for help. His mother comes out moments later, beaten and bloodied but screaming for help as well. The suspect then pulls out of the driveway in his car with Jennette inside and speeds across the lawn, crushing rose bushes along the way.

"The tape is very disturbing," San Jose Police spokesman Steve Dixon said. "It's very, very brazen."

Dixon said that while the images on the black-and-white tape are not always clear, the tape shows the attack was not a random residential burglary.

"The tape makes it very clear the he was targeting this house," Dixon said. "He wasn't roaming the neighborhood looking for houses to break into. He was there for quite some time, just waiting for this little girl to come home."

The video did not include any distinct shots of the kidnapper's license plate or his face. Dixon said police plan to try and enhance the video to see if the images can be made more clear.

Rosalie Tamayo and her son, who were both treated at a local hospital and released, told police they did not recognize the intruder.

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Man gets 10 years in child sex abuse

Ex-Big Brother preyed on boys who trusted him; judge cites apology

BY STEVE WARMBIR
Federal Courts Reporter

A former Big Brother said in federal court Wednesday that he had helped thousands of kids over the years but sexually preyed upon the little boy to whom he felt closest.

With a voice pulled tight with emotion, Philip Kaszynski, 37, of Justice, apologized in court to the boy's mother—just moments after the mother testified about the destruction Kaszynski had wrought upon her son's life.

"I blew your trust," Kaszynski told the woman. "I know you hate my guts. I know you want me to spend the rest of my life in jail.... I ask for your forgiveness."

U.S. District Court Judge David Coar on Wednesday sentenced Kaszynski to about 10 years behind bars for his crimes, the minimum sentence.

Coar cited Kaszynski's remorse and said that, given the circumstances, the crime could have been much worse.

Kaszynski, a former caseworker with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Chicago, admitted to videotaping separately a 12-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy to whom he also was a Big Brother while the boys were performing sex acts alone. Kaszynski faces state charges involving other boys, as well, authorities said. Kaszynski admitted to having more than 1,000 images of child pornography stored on computer discs.

Federal prosecutor Andrew Porter pointed out that Kaszynski preyed upon boys, many without fathers, who trusted him and looked up to him as a role model. The boys and their families will have to live with what Kaszynski did to them for the rest of their lives, Porter said.

"Think about all they may never be able to undo because of him," Porter told the judge.

Kaszynski was at a loss to explain his crimes. He had no criminal history when he was hired at Big Brothers Big Sisters and said he even interviewed adults interested in joining the program.

"Why did I do these things," Kaszynski asked. "Why did I allow them to happen? I knew they were wrong."

"I'm not a bad individual," Kaszynski told the judge.

"I just made bad mistakes."

Another little girl groped at discount store

Police say one man linked to 13 cases on North, Northwest sides

BY FRANK MAIN
Crime Reporter

The attack on the little girl started innocently enough.

A stranger approached her in the aisle of a discount store and asked for her help reaching a pair of shoes.

But when the man lifted her up, he unzipped her pants, fondled her and ran from the store.

The assault at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Village Discount Outlet store at 4027 N. Kedzie was one of 13 linked to the same man since August 2001, Chicago police say.

It was similar to four assaults in two other Village Discount Outlet stores on the North and Northwest sides, police said.

"Either he shops there, or lives in the areas and finds it convenient," Chicago police officer Emily Bellomy said.

In Monday's crime, the 6-year-old girl was with a 9-year-old brother while her parents were shopping. The aisles in the store were "very tall" and prevented the parents from seeing what happened, Bellomy said. The man spoke to the girl in Spanish.

Most of the victims were Hispanic girls, ages 4 to 8, Bellomy said. None of the incidents was violent, she said.

Police planned to interview the girl and her brother Tuesday afternoon. They also were preparing to review a surveillance tape from the store. Investigators have a fuzzy image of the suspect taken from a video camera in another Village Discount Outlet store and have developed a composite sketch of the man, described as 5-foot-6 and 160 pounds, 20 to 30 years old, with a thin mustache and red bumps on his forehead, possibly from acne.

Village Discount Outlet Inc. released a statement Tuesday saying its policy is to post a security officer at each store. The company has hired off-duty Chicago police officers for extra security and plays messages in English and Spanish cautioning parents to keep their children with them.

Village Discount Outlet is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attacker.

Missing girls safe; cops arrest 3 men

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A four-day nationwide search for two Michigan girls ended here Tuesday when they were spotted walking along a beachfront highway with three young men accused of taking them from their school bus.

Officers moved in when the group stopped at a gift shop. Jessica Lynn Hainer, 6, and Teresa Mae Hainer, 9, appeared unharmed at the end of a 900-mile journey.

The girls—the older one in a T-shirt and jeans, the other in a T-shirt and a red skirt—each clutched huge teddy bears as they were escorted away by agents for their flight home.

Authorities filed federal kidnapping charges against Ricky Geer, 19, and two men who know the girls' family—Lee Stafford, 17, and Ronald Stafford, 21, who spent three years in an adolescent sex-offender program.

The girls were abducted Friday after stepping off a school bus in Galesburg, Mich., east of Kalamazoo.

An FBI document filed in Michigan said that Ronald Stafford was the girls' former baby-sitter. On Friday, he provided a note to the school asking that they be dropped off at a local apartment building.

When driver Juniata Earl arrived at the apartment, the Hainer sisters at first refused to get off the bus. She planned to take them back to the garage after her run but instead dropped them off at a mobile-home park where Ronald Stafford and an accomplice were waiting.

Jessica Lynn Hainer

Teresa Mae Hainer

JIM TILLER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Detectives take Ricky Geer, 19, into a police station in Daytona Beach, Fla., after his arrest Tuesday in the abduction of two Michigan sisters. Two other men also were arrested.

ps seek molester who eys in discount stores

ios Morales
staff reporter

man who sexually as- d a 6-year-old girl at a Side discount store Mon- ght is believed to have fon- 2 other girls in incidents to August 2001, police uesday.

man "approaches young and befriends them, s to them in either Span- English and then grabs and fondles them," Chica- olice Lt. Robert Hargesh- said.

nday's assault was the t a Village Discount Outlet police said. There were assaults at the store at 3301 W. Lawrence Ave. in May, June and July 2002 and one at the chain's store at 4898 N. Clark St. in June 2002. The stores' owner is offering a $5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the offender and said Tuesday in a statement that more off-duty Chicago police officers had been hired for "heightened security."

In Monday's incident, the girl was with her parents and 9-year-old brother in the Village Discount Outlet store, 4027 N. Kedzie Ave. She had wandered away from her parents when she was approached by a man about 8:30 p.m., Chicago Police Special Victims Investigator Emily Bel-

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Cops arrest suspect in kidnapping

By V. Dion Haynes
Tribune national correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Police in San Jose on Monday arrested a man they say abducted a 9-year-old girl from her home last week, a crime that was captured in part on a neighbor's video surveillance camera and later broadcast nationwide.

The morning arrest came several hours after the girl was found safe Sunday night at a convenience store in East Palo Alto, about 30 miles from her home. Police Chief William Landsdowne said the man, David Montiel Cruz, 24, would be charged with kidnapping, robbery, burglary assault with a deadly weapon and sexual assault. He is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday.

A SWAT team raided a San Jose home where he was staying with a friend and found him hiding in the attic, Deputy Police Chief Rob Davis said. He tried to fight off officers and was briefly hospitalized after a police dog bit him.

An artist's rendering of the knit-cap-wearing suspect—prepared through descriptions given by the girl's mother and 15-year-old brother, who were beaten while trying to fend off the abductor—had been circulated widely, along with grainy footage of a man entering the home. Police said they are uncertain whether the news coverage prompted Cruz to free the girl or whether she managed to escape.

The girl "is bright and brave and was able to give us enough detail to help locate a location where we [were] able to find a suspect," said San Jose Deputy Chief Rob Davis.

Davis said authorities believe Cruz knew of the girl through one of her former schoolmates. They said Cruz resembled the artist's rendering, drove a car similar to the one in the videotape and bore cuts similar to injuries he would have received in the attacks described by the girl's relatives.

"She's doing great," Davis added. "We managed to get a smile or two out of her, but clearly she is a traumatized girl."

During the hunt for the girl, her name and picture were published in the Tribune in hopes they would aid in her safe return. Now that she has been found, the Tribune is following its policy of not identifying alleged victims of sexual abuse.

San Jose authorities issued a statewide Amber Alert, notifying other police departments and the media about the abduction. Moreover, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, based in Arlington, Va., sent faxes and e-mails to more than 55,000 hotels, shopping centers and other businesses in California.

Cruz

Authorities said Monday that the abduction was not random.

Cruz, according to police, waited outside the girl's house Friday for her to return from school. The neighbor's videotape shows a man standing by a car and then following her into the house. Minutes later, the man exits the house, backs the car into the garage and closes the door.

The girl's mother and brother, dropped off by the girl's aunt, arrived a few minutes later. The boy entered the garage and was assaulted by Cruz, police said. The mother entered the house, where the suspect allegedly hit her with a ladder and a pan.

The attacker allegedly shouted, "You know what I want," according to the girl's mother.

The brother ran from the house, followed by the mother. Cruz raced out of the garage in his car with the girl in the back seat, police said.

Authorities said they are looking for a second possible suspect because the tape shows another car stopping by the suspect's car while he was waiting for the girl. Police, though, have ruled out any of the girl's relatives as suspects.

The girl was found at Eastside Market in East Palo Alto. Isa Yasin, who owns the store, said the girl was "crying and scared."

"I asked her if she was OK and she said no," he added. "She said, 'Please don't call the cops, please don't call the cops.' "

The girl was shown on new footage riding in the back of a police car Sunday night.

Tribune news services contributed to this report.

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Jennette Tamayo and a police sketch of the man who kidnapped her from her home.

Video records kidnap ordeal

Seizure of girl 'brazen,' cops say

6/19/3 Tribune

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press

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The California Highway Patrol has issued an Amber Alert for a silver sedan the man drove from the scene. It appeared similar to a late 1980s or early 1990s Honda Accord.

Tip leads to arrest after sex assault inside store

By John Raby
Associated Press

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. Va. — A man suspected of posing as a security guard to sexually assault an 11-year-old girl at a Target store was captured Wednesday as he left a lawyer's office in Kentucky, authorities said.

Later in the day, Allen Dwayne Coates was booked in a similar assault involving a 9-year-old girl at a Wal-Mart store in Kentucky.

Coates, 37, of Irvington, Ky., was arrested without incident and was being held on charges of first-degree sexual assault and kidnapping related to the West Virginia case, police said.

South Charleston police Chief David Dunlap said an anonymous tip from someone in Kentucky led to the arrest. He credited the capture to a grainy surveillance video from the department store.

"They saw it. They saw the individual on the news," Dunlap said of the tipster.

"It's a burden lifted. I'm sure the community will be elated that this predator is no longer on the streets," he added.

Police said the girl was assaulted Saturday at the South Charleston store after she and her mother separated to do individual shopping.

The videotape showed a man stalking a girl and then walking quickly down an aisle in another department, leading a girl by her wrist.

Police said the man was posing as a security guard and told the girl he saw her steal something. He then pulled a knife and forced her to the store's garden department, where he assaulted her.

[illegible] too many shoppers walked into that section, he led her into the men's wear section, where he allegedly assaulted her again.

Lawyer Fred Radolovich, whose office Coates had visited, said he would represent the suspect. Radolovich said he would enter a not-guilty plea for Coates at a hearing Thursday and would ask that his client receive a psychiatric evaluation.

In the Ashland, Ky., case, a 9-year-old girl who wandered away from her mother on Friday was approached by a man who identified himself as a security guard. The man patted the girl down, and she became suspicious and ran to her mother.

Ashland police said they charged Coates with first-degree attempted sodomy.

Both stores are near Interstate Highway 64, which also runs through Louisville. Ashland is about 200 miles east of Louisville and about 62 miles west of South Charleston.

Coates also faces a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, said Brian Lamkin, an FBI agent in Kentucky.

Police had released the surveillance tape to the media and had asked NASA to enhance the images in hopes of identifying the suspect.

In Kentucky, Radolovich said Coates was on his way to the University of Louisville hospital for a psychiatric exam before he was arrested. He said Coates was "very upset and very depressed" before leaving his office.

Man charged in 8 sex assaults

Cops accuse him of molesting girls in discount stores

By David Heinzmann and Angela Rozas
Tribune staff reporters

After two years of searching for a man who would accost and molest girls in North Side alleys, often while riding a bicycle, and in the aisles of discount stores, Chicago police said Wednesday they caught the man while investigating a stolen bike incident last weekend.

In charges filed Wednesday, Jose Rivas, 23, of the 4700 block of West Grace Street, was accused of sexually abusing or assaulting at least eight girls between the ages of 5 and 8. Police said he may be charged in five more cases.

Police believe that Rivas is responsible for a pattern of sexual assaults at several North Side locations over nearly two years, Lt. Robert Hargesheimer said.

The most recent attacks—three on June 10—took place at two Village Discount Outlet stores. Police said there were a total of five incidents at three of the chain's North Side stores.

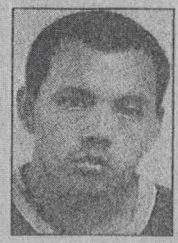
Rivas would approach Hispanic girls in the store, usually asking them in Spanish for help picking out toys, police said. He would grab them, put his hand under their clothing and fondle them, police said.

In a May 28 incident at the Village Discount store at 4898 N. Clark St., Rivas pulled an 8-year-old girl under a clothing rack in a secluded part of the store and performed oral sex on her, according to Assistant State's Atty. Jane Sack.

He was not a former employee of the Village Discount stores, Hargesheimer said, and it was unclear why he chose the stores at 4898 N. Clark, 4027 N. Kedzie Ave. and 3301 W. Lawrence Ave. to approach the children.

In three other incidents, Rivas allegedly rode a bicycle up to girls on street corners or alleys near their homes and molested them, Hargesheimer said.

Over the last year, police published several community alerts and sought help from the news media to publicize a sketch and description of the offender and details about his methods.


Rivas

On Saturday a woman called police to report that her bike had been stolen on the Northwest Side, and when officers arrived they spotted Rivas riding it, Hargesheimer said.

"After they did arrest him for that offense, they noticed he fit our descriptions . . . almost to a T," he said.

After Albany Park District Officers Mike Hamideh and Herminio Flores made the arrest, Detectives Emily Bellomy and Rolando Garza, who had been following the case for more than a year, interviewed Rivas.

He gave statements detailing his behavior with eight girls, Sack said in court Wednesday.

Rivas' bond hearing was postponed Wednesday. Rivas, a native of El Salvador, is single and unemployed, police said.

Rivas' criminal background includes a 2000 misdemeanor charge of public indecency, for which he was sentenced to a year of court supervision, Sack said.

Police said they plan to use DNA to see whether Rivas could be tied to other cases.

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Sex offender charged under new loitering ban

By Eric Ferkenhoff
Tribune Staff Writer

A Chicago man who spent 15 years in prison for a series of sexual attacks on young girls was back behind bars Wednesday, becoming the latest person to be snared under a new state law barring sex convicts from loitering near schools.

George J. Ashetzie, 41, is charged with one count of presence within a school zone by a child-sex offender. He was being held in Cook County Jail on $200,000 bond, two days after he was spotted allegedly hanging around Schaumburg's Kindercare Learning Center.

Ashetzie passed through the same lockup more than 17 years ago to begin a lengthy sentence on charges he used a starter pistol to subdue and assault young girls and women in Chicago and La Grange.

In his latest arrest, Ashetzie is not accused of assaulting anyone at the Schaumburg day-care center, 635 Windsor Drive.

But under the state's sex offender law, anyone convicted of sex crimes against children is barred from entering or loitering within 500 feet of a school unless the offender is the parent or guardian of a student or has official permission to be on the property.

The loitering provision was designed to protect children from offenders who may stalk children.

In recent weeks, police allege, Ashetzie had been seen hanging around Kindercare's parking lot, only yards from a play area for the center's young pupils. Initially, Ashetzie, an independent plumber, was assumed to be working in a nearby vacant building, according to Schaumburg Police Detective Peter Dudek.

Eventually, day-care center workers grew suspicious of the man.

On Monday, a parent told police she saw Ashetzie milling around in the parking lot and that he ducked behind a fence after the two exchanged looks.

Ashetzie allegedly sped off in his work van. A short time later, he was taken into custody.

Police said Ashetzie told them he was in the area looking for apartments and visiting relatives.

Ashetzie was paroled in January 1996. He subsequently registered with Chicago police as a convicted sex offender. His parole was scheduled to expire in early 1999.

The new sex offender law, which cleared the General Assembly last year on unanimous votes, was hailed as yet another weapon for state law enforcement to battle a nearly 23 percent recidivism rate for sex offenders.

Ashetzie's arrest was the third under the new law in Cook County.

Freelance writer Robin Mohr contributed to this report.

Bike theft case leads to arrest in series of N.W. Side sex attacks

BY FRANK MAIN
Crime Reporter

What began as a routine arrest of a bike thief wound up solving a more than year-long series of sexual attacks on young girls on the Northwest Side, police said Wednesday.

Jose Rivas, 23, of the 4700 block of West Race, was charged in attacks on eight girls between May 28, 2002, and June 10, 2003. Prosecutors will ask a judge Friday to deny bail to Rivas.

Rivas molested girls from 5 to 8 years old, police said. Most of the attacks happened in three different Village Thrift stores, police said, but one of them was in an alley in the 3400 block of West McLean when he rode a bike up to three girls. He molested one girl, tried to grab a second girl and masturbated in front of all three, police said.

Police obtained a still photo from a surveillance camera in the May 2002 attack in a Village Thrift Store and issued a community alert.

On Saturday, Chicago police tactical officers Mike Hamideh and Herminio Flores responded to a citizen's call that someone stole her bike. The officers arrested Rivas and realized he looked like the man in the community alert.

"I never forgot the incident," Flores said of the details in the community alert issued in May 2002. "It stayed with me. I have kids, too."

Detectives interrogated Rivas and he was charged with three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, three counts of aggravated sexual abuse, one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault and one count of aggravated burglary.

Prosecutors are considering more charges in cases involving five other victims, said Lt. Robert Hargesheimer of the Special Investigations Unit.

Witnesses have been asked to identify Rivas in lineups and police have obtained a DNA sample from him that they will compare with a computer database containing DNA profiles from unsolved crimes, Hargesheimer said.

Rivas, who is single and unemployed, has a record that includes arrests for theft, assault and public indecency, court records show.

Asked why victims were attacked at Village Thrift stores, Hargesheimer said there is nothing to indicate Rivas ever worked in one, made deliveries to them or had any other business with the stores.

"There wasn't really any rhyme or reason," he said. "He frequented those areas. You can tell by his address that he lived in the area. He would frequently shop in these stores. That's all we know."

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MOLEST: Similar cases reach back almost 2 years

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lomy said.

"He was asking for help to reach something [high on a shelf] and lifted her up," Bellomy said. He then fondled her.

The girl was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital for observation and released late Monday. Bellomy said Tuesday the girl was "doing very well."

The store, which sells secondhand clothing and toys, has shelving that is about 5 feet, 8 inches high. It prevented other customers from seeing the assault, police said.

The girl gave police a general description of the man, and officials expected to interview her again late Tuesday. A video from the store was being reviewed, but police were not saying whether it contained an image of the assailant.

Police issued a community-alert flier in Spanish and English containing a composite sketch of the suspect and a blurred image taken from a previous assault at a Village Discount Outlet store.

Police sketch

The discount stores have posted signs cautioning parents to keep their children under supervision at all times, according to the statement.

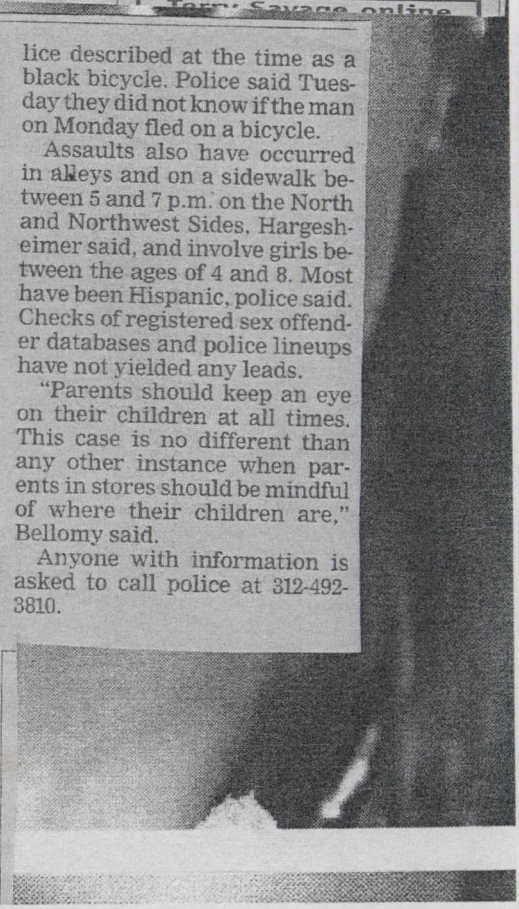
The suspect is described as a Hispanic man, 20 to 30 years old, 5 foot 6 inches to 5 foot 8 inches tall, with brown hair, dark eyes and a medium complexion. He weighs about 160 pounds, has a mustache and possibly acne on his forehead, police said.

Prior to Monday's assault, a man molested a 6-year-old girl in the hallway of a North Side apartment building on April 2 shortly before 6 p.m. He allegedly helped the girl carry her bicycle up a stairway and molested her before fleeing on what police described at the time as a black bicycle. Police said Tuesday they did not know if the man on Monday fled on a bicycle.

Assaults also have occurred in alleys and on a sidewalk between 5 and 7 p.m. on the North and Northwest Sides, Hargesheimer said, and involve girls between the ages of 4 and 8. Most have been Hispanic, police said. Checks of registered sex offender databases and police lineups have not yielded any leads.

"Parents should keep an eye on their children at all times. This case is no different than any other instance when parents in stores should be mindful of where their children are," Bellomy said.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 312-492-3810.



Behind bars, the child molester who drove a school bus

A CONVICTED sex pest who was able to work as a school bus driver because no criminal checks were carried out went on to molest a young girl.

Alan Johnson, 57, was jailed for a year after he admitted sexually assaulting the 12-year-old as she boarded his school bus.

The father-of-three was accused of spanking the pupil's bottom last summer and was arrested after she told her sister.

In court, it emerged Johnson had convictions for two counts of indecent exposure.

But Criminal Records Bureau checks – which would have uncovered his record and prevented him from working with children – had not been made.

After the case at Manchester Crown Court, Judge Peter Lakin ordered an inquiry into why Johnson's employer did not investigate his background.

Bosses admitted that they would not have taken him on had his previous convictions been made known.

They said bureau checks were only carried out on new employees but Johnson had been working for the Belle Vue Manchester company, based in Gorton, for 12 years.

Yesterday the mother of his victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said Johnson began grooming her daughter as soon as he started driving the school bus in January 2004.

'When he was alone with her, he gave her sweets and showed her dirty jokes on his phone,' she said. 'He was grooming my daughter.

'I was amazed when I heard his previous convictions in court. I was very upset. I want people to know what this man did.

'The authorities should have carried out the right checks.

'They should have known about his history and he should not have been allowed to be a school bus driver. The company should have done a proper criminal check and the school should have requested confirmation that it had been done.'

By **Jaya Narain**

The Criminal Records Bureau was launched after the Soham murders in 2002 when Ian Huntley was able to work as a school caretaker in Cambridgeshire because of failures to make proper checks.

Huntley, who killed ten-year-olds Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, had been investigated by Humberside Police over eight claims of rape and sex attacks on young girls.

But the information never reached his bosses because of police failures.

According to the CRB, checks should be carried out on anyone who begins a job looking after children.

'He was grooming my daughter'

Philip Hitchen, managing director of Belle Vue Manchester, said: 'Since the incident, we routinely carry out recommended CRB checks on all personnel and investigate references issued at interviews.

'We were shocked by this incident and our feelings go out to the student and parents, whom we will be contacting immediately.'

Some checks were carried out when Johnson, of Newton Heath, Manchester, applied for private hire and coach driver licences but failed to pick up his previous convictions.

A spokesman for the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive said: 'Although we recommend that all bus operators running school services carry them out, CRB checks on drivers are not a bus industry standard.'

She said the executive, which oversees public transport in the region, wanted to make it mandatory for all bus drivers working with children to undergo criminal checks and was working with bus companies to achieve this.

A Home Office spokesman said the Criminal Records Bureau would look for any criminal convictions, no matter when committed.

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Johnson: Worked with pupils despite indecency convictions

ennette Tamayo, 9, of San Jose, Calif., was kidnapped while returning from school Friday. Her abductor brutally beat her mom, police say. –AP

Man arrested in sex abuse of Calif. girl

Abducted 9-year-old turns up at store, eads cops to suspect

BY MAY WONG

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The man olice arrested Monday in the azen kidnapping of a 9-year-old d sexually assaulted her and held e girl in a house about a mile m the abduction, police said.

Police took David Montiel Cruz, , into custody in a pre-dawn raid the house of a friend. He was rested less than a mile from here he allegedly kidnapped her ter brutally beating her mother d brother.

The shaken girl turned up at a convenience store several cities away and helped lead police to her alleged abductor.

"The motive appears to be a sexual abduction because we don't see any other motive at this point," Assistant Chief Thomas Wheatley said. Police said they have physical evidence of a sexual assault.

Cruz was being booked on suspicion of kidnapping, burglary, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and sexual assault, Wheatley said. He is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday.

The girl, Jennette Tamayo, was said to be resting Monday after her ordeal.

Police conducted an extensive search over the weekend for the intruder after he kidnapped the girl as she returned home alone from school Friday. The captor savagely beat her mother and brother after they returned home and confronted him, then speeded off with the terrified girl in the back seat of his car.

Police said Monday they think Cruz knew of the fourth-grade girl through one of her former schoolmates, though neither the girl nor her family knew him.

A SWAT team raided a San Jose house where he was staying with a friend and found him hiding in the attic, Deputy Chief Rob Davis said. He tried to fight off officers and was briefly hospitalized after a police dog bit him.

Cruz resembled a police sketch of the suspect and had injuries consistent with what police expected from the struggle he had with Tamayo's mother, Chief William Lansdowne said.

"We're very confident this is the right person," Lansdowne said.

The girl's mother, her face still swollen and bruised from Friday's attack, thanked authorities, the media and her neighbors before she began to choke back tears.

"I want to tell all mothers not to let your kids walk alone on the street, no matter how secure it is," Roselia Tamayo said in Spanish. "Because when you feel you lose a child, I think it is like the feeling of dying."

The girl's ordeal ended Sunday night, when she suddenly appeared at the Eastside Market in East Palo Alto, 30 miles north of her house. "She was crying and scared," said Isa Yasin, the shop owner.

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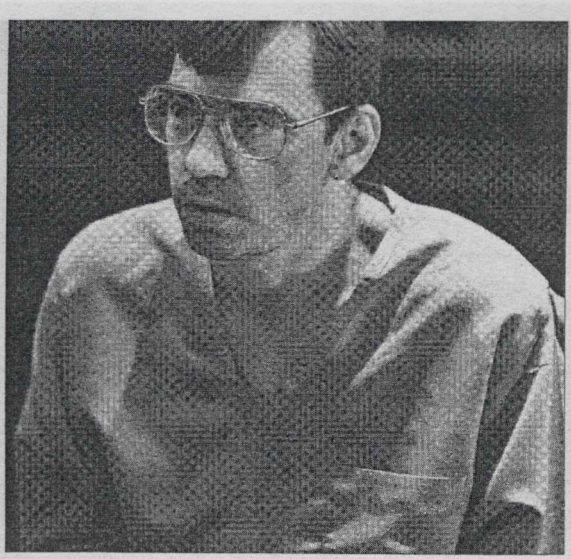

Megan Kanka and Jesse Timmendequas, who abducted, raped and strangled her in 1994 Photograph right: Tony Kurdzuk

How Americans responded to 'Megan's law'

Global Guardian 8/7/00

Measure against paedophiles continues to divide

Michael Ellison in New York

No one ever accused Jesse Timmendequas, a paedophile on death row, of being an overachiever, but his crimes are responsible for one of the most emotional debates in the United States.

The former labourer, 39, might be low on name recognition, but that of his victim is known even to those who have no knowledge of her abruptly curtailed life.

Megan Kanka was seven years old when Timmendequas, a New Jersey neighbour living with two other paedophiles, abducted, raped and strangled her in 1994.

The girl's parents believed that she might still be alive had they known he was living nearby and set about gathering 430,000 signatures to press for a change in the law.

New Jersey responded quickly, and in 1996 Congress and President Bill Clinton obliged with the measure known as Megan's law: each state had to release "relevant" information about child molesters and violent sexual offenders to the public.

It was left to each of the 50 states to decide how access to the information was provided. Civil libertarians argue that the law breaches the privacy of ex-offenders and makes them a target for retribution.

"People who have been convicted of crimes, who have served their sentences, should not be the subject of continuing punishment," said Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Some states make the information about the nation's 324,000 registered sex offenders available at local police stations, while in others people have to write requesting details or call a toll-free telephone number. Twenty-one states, most of them in the south and the mid-west, post details on the internet. But at least 10% of the information, which is supplied by the offenders, is thought to be incorrect.

When the law was finally enforced two years ago in New Jersey after a series of legal challenges, the names and photographs of men whose details were meant to have been confined to the neighbourhood — an area which was not defined — turned up in the local media. Then a school counsellor who had never been accused of sex crimes was identified as an offender in handbills distributed close to his home.

Many people were upset when it became clear that they would not find out about every sex offender but only those who were living nearest to them and were considered the most dangerous.

Later, five bullets were fired through the sitting room window of a home above that of a man who had been to prison for raping teenagers.

Elsewhere, a man hanged himself from a tree in Santa Rosa, California, after police warned his neighbours that he was a convicted child molester; another shot himself after officers in Seal Cove, Maine, distributed handbills saying he had confessed to having sex with a boy six years previously; an offender's car was firebombed in Los Angeles after he appeared on an internet list; and two men beat a convicted sex offender with a baseball bat in North Fort Myers, Florida, and threatened to kill him if he went near children in the neighbourhood.

New Mexico was the last state to adopt Megan's law. "This is mean-spirited voyeurism, and that's its only effect," said Denise Clegg, acting executive director of the state's ACLU. "If there was a good case we would definitely challenge it."

Even in New Jersey the operation of Megan's law is by no means settled, and it has been suspended twice under legal challenge in the past seven months. Now that it is back in use, prosecutors say they cannot act against those who misuse information about sex offenders because of a court judgment limiting the scope of warnings to those who receive it.

Another, more strident measure against sex offenders that has received less attention is Stephanie's law, named after a 19-year-old killed in 1994 and adopted in various forms by at least 13 states. This law, born in Kansas, allows for the detention in mental institutions of those considered likely to offend again after their release from jail. In Illinois, for instance, more than 100 have been incarcerated in institutions in the past two years and none has been released.

Amitai Etzioni, a professor at George Washington University and founder of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, said that neither law worked well. Megan's law deprived sex offenders of privacy without improving the safety of children unless adults were with them at all times. Stephanie's law did improve safety but removed the rights of released prisoners.

"Confine child molesters in special, guarded, child-free communities," he said. "As a means of separating molesters from children, this would be more effective than Megan's law but less intrusive and costly than Stephanie's law.

"While some critics have compared this proposal to leper colonies, the communal custody approach is better than any of the alternatives."

Castration fails to win leniency for pedophile

Judge decries 'trading body parts' for sentence

By Janan Hanna
Tribune Staff Writer

After being charged with sexual crimes against two west suburban girls, Jeffrey Morse of Schaumburg rejected an offer from prosecutors for a 25-year prison sentence in exchange for a guilty plea.

Instead, Morse, 30, entered a blind plea—a plea of guilty without a prior agreement on sentencing—and underwent surgical castration in the hope that a judge might view his willingness to sacrifice so much as the ultimate act of contrition. That, he hoped, would lead to a more lenient sentence.

It didn't work.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald Hudson on Tuesday sentenced Morse to 26 years in prison, saying that to go easy on him would set a dangerous precedent. Morse faced a maximum of 37 years.

"He is not entitled to receive a lesser sentence than this court would otherwise impose," Hudson said. "The court would be condoning the trading of body parts for a lesser sentence."

Hudson added that the "interests of justice cannot be contingent on a defendant's actions after his arrest and his conviction."

"Why did the defendant wait until the gates of the penitentiary were closing in on him" before he tried to control his sexual deviance? Hudson asked.

Morse pleaded guilty late last year to molesting an 11-year-old from Algonquin and trying to molest a 9-year-old from St. Charles.

He was castrated by an unidenti-

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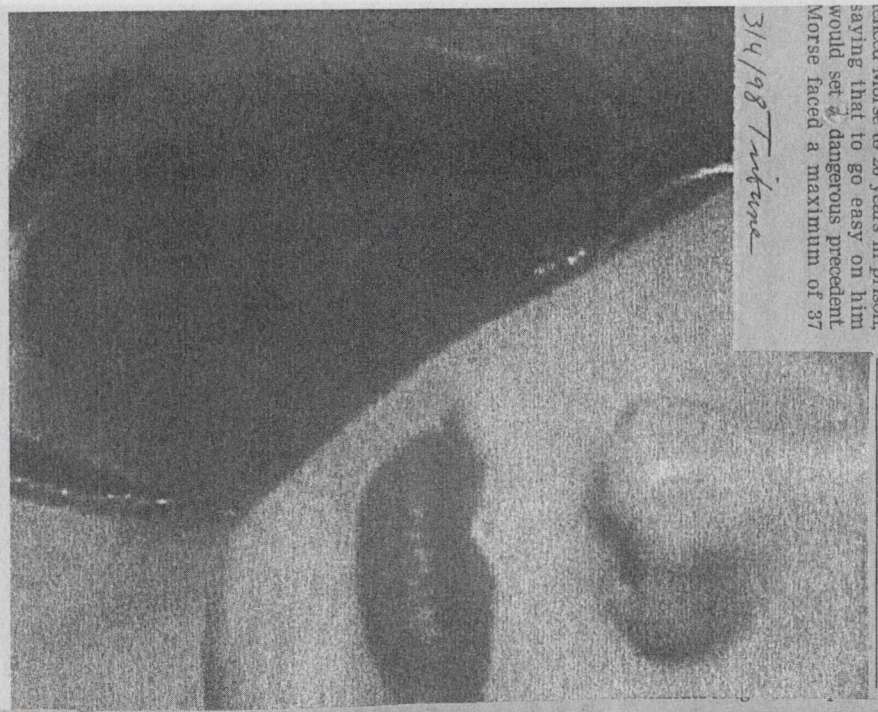

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fied board-certified urologist on Jan. 20.

Testimony during Tuesday's sentencing hearing disclosed that Morse admitted to a pattern of sexual deviance throughout his life, including at least 50 instances of masturbating around children.

Still, Morse's lawyer, Paul Wharton, pleaded with the judge for a minimum 6-year sentence, saying his client "was the safest pedophile in the world."

At issue during the sentencing was whether castration reduces the likelihood that a sexual offender would repeat his criminal conduct.

Hudson said he believed there was no "medical consensus" on that issue.

Testimony at the sentencing hearing indicated that psychiatric and medical experts have varying degrees of confidence in European studies that indicate significantly reduced recidivism rates after castration.

Dr. Fred Berlin, a psychiatrist who teaches at John Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he specializes in the treatment of sexual disorders, likened sexually abnormal behavior to alcoholism, saying molesters can reform, but not on their own.

Berlin, who examined Morse for about four hours Monday, said he believed that Morse was a good candidate for effective treatment of his sexual disorder. Castration, coupled with Morse's willingness and desire to undergo intensive psychiatric treatment, could work to control Morse's conduct, making him eligible—someday—for reintegration into society, Berlin said.

But even though castration would significantly reduce Morse's sexual drive, Berlin said nothing would change Morse's sexual orientation.

Berlin also noted that a number of European studies indicate sharply reduced recidivism—a combined average of 2.8 percent—among more than 3,000 castrated sex offenders.

But prosecution witnesses said the study findings are not credible.

Dr. John Mulhall, a urology professor at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, said the studies are 30 years old, contain inconsistent periods of followup with offenders, and contain a disproportionate number of voyeurs and exhibitionists—the least violent sexual offenders—skewing the results.

"I don't believe the recidivism rates are 2.8 percent," he said.

Before the sentencing, Morse told the judge that he volunteered for castration because he wanted to gain control of his life and get "back to society and do something productive."

He tearfully apologized for his crimes, saying, "A day doesn't go by that I don't pray that the girls are all right."

"I can't undo what I did," he said of his crimes. "But I hope that from this tragedy, something good can come out of this."

He said he was prepared to live with the judge's sentence.

Kane County Assistant State's Atty. Kathy Diamond Karayannis, who with assistants Betsy Flood and Jody Gleason prosecuted Morse, said the judge's sentence was "completely appropriate for this case."

Wharton said he would ask the judge to reconsider his ruling and, if the judge refuses, he would appeal the sentencing.

"Did I expect more leniency? Yes I did," Wharton said after the sentencing. "Certain treatments are effective, and I think the court should have looked at that."

Man in Truck Snatches Texas Girl From Bike

By Janine Zuniga
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas—The streets where 9-year-old Amber Hagerman and her friends played were quiet Monday. Two days earlier, they had echoed with her screams as she fought a man who dragged her into his truck.

The girl hasn't been seen since.

"The streets are always full of kids playing. They aren't now," said neighbor Bruce Seybert, whose daughter is in Girl Scouts with Amber. "This is their time to sell cookies—I can't go out and let them do that."

Amber was riding her bicycle near an abandoned store two blocks from her grandparents' home Saturday when, according to a witness, she was snatched by a man who drove a late-model black pickup.

"He caught her right up under the arm," said Jimmie Kevil, 78, who called police. "He pulled her off the bike, and the bike fell to the ground. I knew something was wrong."

Despite hundreds of tips, investigators have no leads, police spokesman Dee Anderson said, acknowledging that "as the hours grow, the concern grows."

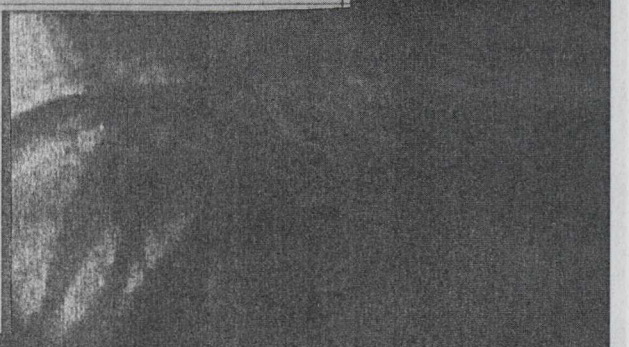
Officers are searching door-to-door and checking sex offenders and owners of black pickups.

"I want to get out there and do something. I want to get out there on the street and holler and holler for her," said Amber's mother, Donna Whitson. "I know that's not going to do anything, but I just want her back."

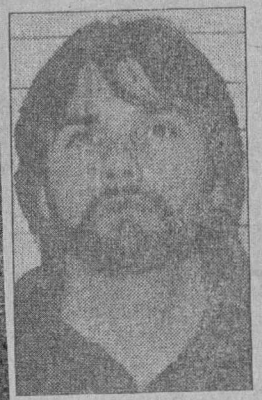
Authorities and businesses have offered $15,000 for information leading to the arrest of the kidnapper. Fliers have been posted on nearby streets and handed out throughout the city by neighbors and friends.

The blue-eyed girl was last seen wearing pink jeans and a gray shirt with multicolored handprints all over it. Her brown hair was in a ponytail.

"Just drop her off. Let her walk home by herself," Whitson pleaded. "Just don't hurt my baby."



Castration doesn't gain leniency for pedophile



Jeffrey Morse
Sentenced to 26 years

By Dan Rozek
Suburban Reporter

Saying he wouldn't "place a seal of approval on trading body parts for a lesser sentence," Kane County Judge Donald C. Hudson refused Tuesday to show lenience to a child molester who was voluntarily castrated.

Instead, Hudson sentenced Jeffrey Morse of Schaumburg to 26 years in prison for sexual assaults on two suburban girls in 1996 and 1997.

"The fact the defendant was surgically castrated does not balance the ledger sheet of the crimes he committed. It doesn't erase the grief and the anguish" of the victims, Hudson said. "I refuse to allow the defendant to use this as a bargaining chip."

■ **Molester's mental exam can be videotaped; Page 28.**

Morse, 31, who pleaded guilty last year, was castrated in January—a procedure Morse hoped would help him control his sex drive and demonstrate his remorse.

But the case also has raised legal, ethical and medical questions, including whether the surgery will make Morse less likely to commit other crimes against children.

Morse faced up to 90 years in prison for attacking an 11-year-old Algonquin girl and an 8-year-old St. Charles girl, although prosecutors had requested a jail term of 25 to 60 years.

Defense attorney Paul Wharton asked for a six-year prison term, saying Morse's castration demonstrated remorse and virtually eliminated the possibility he would commit additional sex crimes.

"Jeff Morse is the safest sex offender in the United States today," Wharton said. "Why? Because he's the only one who's been surgically castrated."

Experts called by the defense and prosecution disagreed on how effective castration is in reducing recidivism among sex offenders.

But Morse said he hopes the surgery would help him control his sexual urges.

"I did it because I want to control myself," he said, his voice quavering. "I'm sorry, but I can't undo what I did."

Before imposing the sentence, Hudson sharply criticized Morse for victimizing children—whom Morse lured to his car by asking for directions.

"The defendant preyed upon the innate trust and goodness of young children," Hudson said. "I find this behavior particularly reprehensible."

Hudson said he feared setting a precedent that would allow other sex offenders to "trade their sexuality for a lighter sentence."

Assistant Kane County State's Attorney Kathy Diamond Karayannis said a lesser sentence "would have set a dangerous precedent" and called the 26-year prison term a "completely appropriate sentence."

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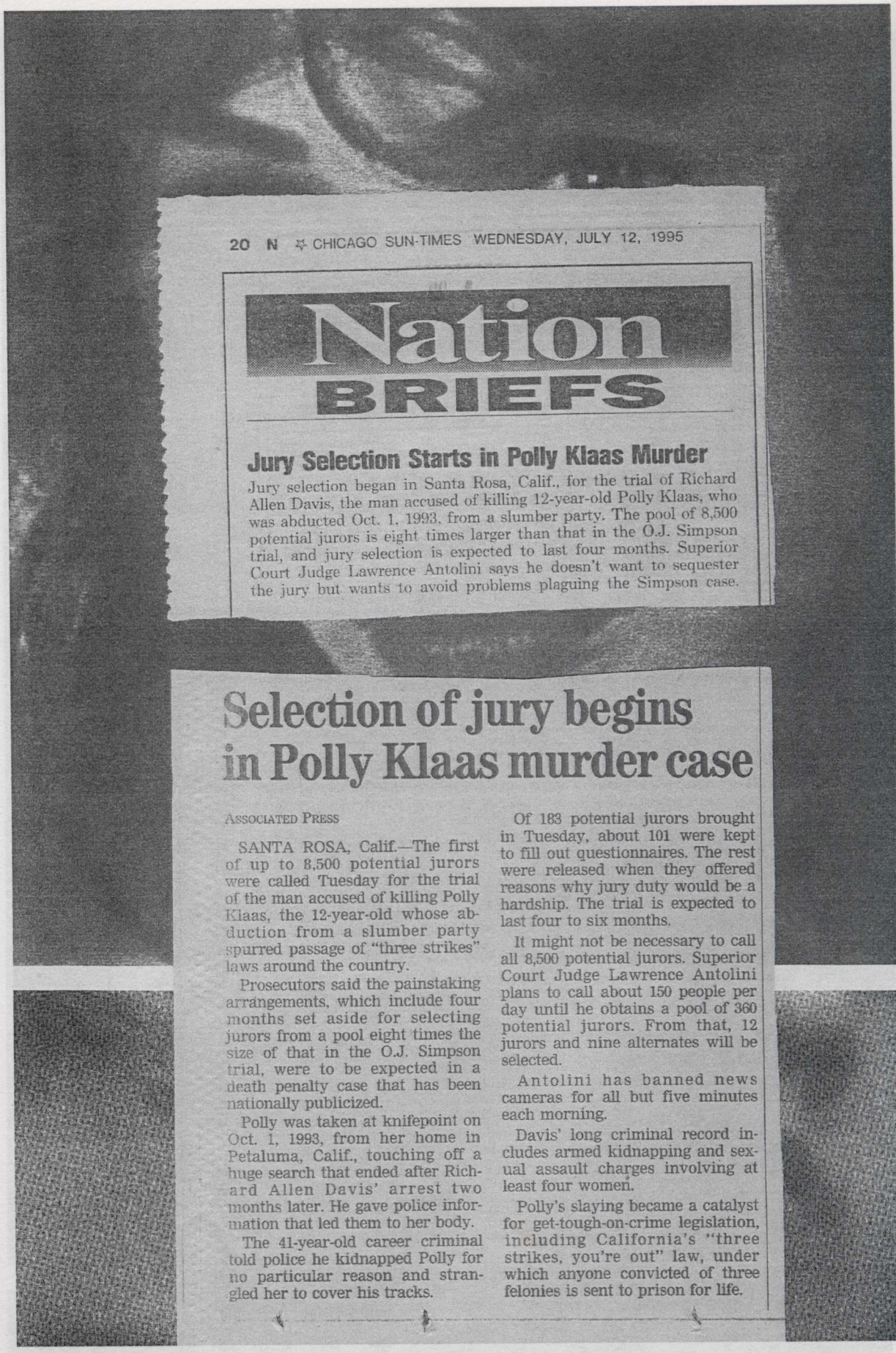

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Jury Selection Starts in Polly Klaas Murder

Jury selection began in Santa Rosa, Calif., for the trial of Richard Allen Davis, the man accused of killing 12-year-old Polly Klaas, who was abducted Oct. 1, 1993, from a slumber party. The pool of 8,500 potential jurors is eight times larger than that in the O.J. Simpson trial, and jury selection is expected to last four months. Superior Court Judge Lawrence Antolini says he doesn't want to sequester the jury but wants to avoid problems plaguing the Simpson case.

Selection of jury begins in Polly Klaas murder case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The first of up to 8,500 potential jurors were called Tuesday for the trial of the man accused of killing Polly Klaas, the 12-year-old whose abduction from a slumber party spurred passage of "three strikes" laws around the country.

Prosecutors said the painstaking arrangements, which include four months set aside for selecting jurors from a pool eight times the size of that in the O.J. Simpson trial, were to be expected in a death penalty case that has been nationally publicized.

Polly was taken at knifepoint on Oct. 1, 1993, from her home in Petaluma, Calif., touching off a huge search that ended after Richard Allen Davis' arrest two months later. He gave police information that led them to her body.

The 41-year-old career criminal told police he kidnapped Polly for no particular reason and strangled her to cover his tracks.

Of 183 potential jurors brought in Tuesday, about 101 were kept to fill out questionnaires. The rest were released when they offered reasons why jury duty would be a hardship. The trial is expected to last four to six months.

It might not be necessary to call all 8,500 potential jurors. Superior Court Judge Lawrence Antolini plans to call about 150 people per day until he obtains a pool of 360 potential jurors. From that, 12 jurors and nine alternates will be selected.

Antolini has banned news cameras for all but five minutes each morning.

Davis' long criminal record includes armed kidnapping and sexual assault charges involving at least four women.

Polly's slaying became a catalyst for get-tough-on-crime legislation, including California's "three strikes, you're out" law, under which anyone convicted of three felonies is sent to prison for life.

Dead: The boy who vanished from the school gate

By **Grace Macaskill** and **Maureen Culley**

A BOY who disappeared after being dropped off at school four days ago was found dead yesterday.

Police discovered the body of 11-year-old Rory Blackhall in nearby woodland.

Rory, of Livingston, West Lothian, was last seen when his mother left him at the gates of Meldrum Primary School early on Thursday morning.

A massive search began that afternoon after his grandfather went to collect him – only to find he had not been seen in class.

Hundreds of volunteers joined Lothian and Borders Police search teams as they scoured the countryside around Livingston over the weekend.

But all hope of finding Rory alive was dashed at around 1pm yesterday when officers found a body in woods a quarter of a mile from the school.

'Fantastic and affectionate'

Police said they could not tell whether the boy had died as the result of suicide, accident or murder. A post mortem was due to be carried out today.

Launching an appeal to find her son last Friday, Rory's mother Michelle described him as a 'fantastic and affectionate' little boy who was fond of dogs, fishing, trains and diving.

Mrs Blackhall, 41, who is a teacher at another local primary school, begged Rory to return home and revealed he had had a difficult time dealing with her separation from his father, Russell, 42, over the past year.

She said Rory, who had a 14-year-old brother, was much loved and the family simply wanted him to come home.

She said: 'There have been things happening within the family that have upset Rory over this year. I think this final thing of going back to school, he was unhappy about. I think that kind of tipped the balance.

'Rory's a very lovable boy who gets on with everybody. He's very affectionate. He is a fantastic boy and his mummy and daddy love him very much.'

Last night the family were too distressed to comment.

A former neighbour said: 'He was a lovely wee lad. He used to play out with my daughter all the time.

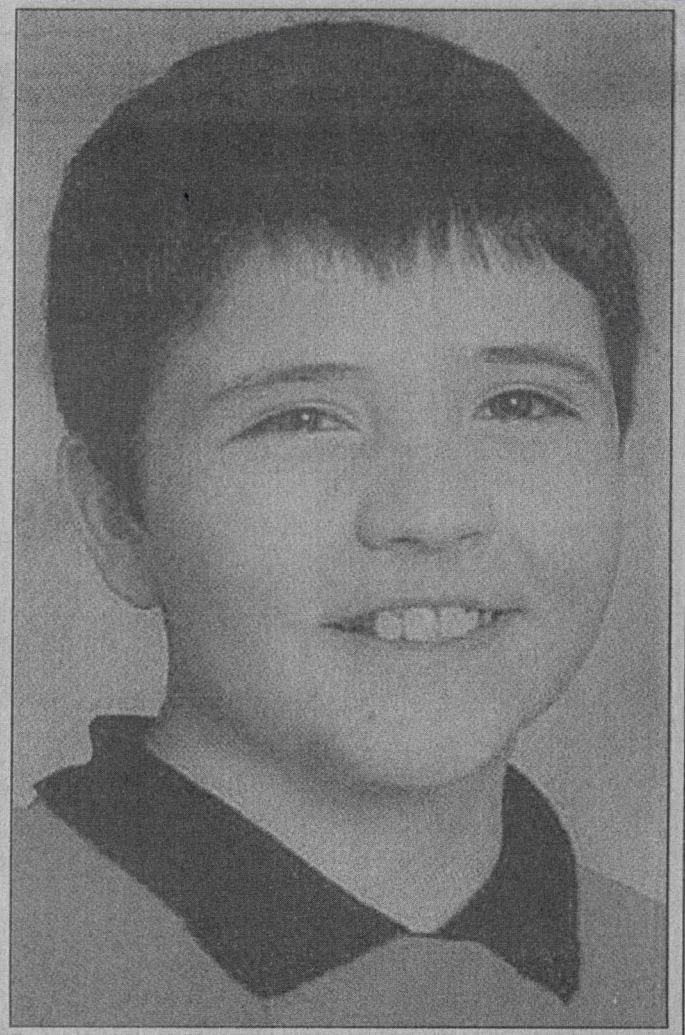
'All the kids in the street would play together and he was very much part of the little gang.'

In the early stages of the search, police explored the area around the school. Officers visited the school and a police helicopter with thermal imaging equipment was also called in, along with Borders mountain rescue teams and divers who searched a reservoir.

Mounted police and the dog section also revisited the area where Rory was last seen and worked outwards, in a shoulder-to-shoulder search.

It was a search by specialist officers of local woodland that led to the discovery of his body.

At the outset police said they did not believe Rory had been abducted, but before finding his body yesterday a police source confirmed officers were speaking to known local sex offenders.



Rory Blackhall: Police found his body in woodland near his school

Could pervert who abused 2,000 girls be a killer, too?

Guilty: Glyn Martin will be sentenced for his crimes tomorrow

By **Chris Brooke**

POLICE forces across the country are being contacted to see if a paedophile who abused more than 2,000 girls is also a child murderer.

Glyn Martin, 53, drugged and assaulted friends of the girls he called his daughters despite being monitored by social services and being the subject of earlier police inquiries.

Yesterday campaigners condemned the authorities for failing to suspect the apparently 'respectable' school governor and allowing the two young girls, who he used as 'bait', to remain in his care.

When police raided the divorcee's home they found a vast quantity of incriminating evidence, including 40,000 photographs, documents and a cache of weapons.

He wrote in graphic and gory detail how he would murder a young girl and in other papers he described how he could make children 'vanish'.

Police have matched his DNA against the national database to see if he is linked to any unsolved crimes, including child murders. Detective Chief Inspector Paul Harper, of Humberside Police, said: 'He is a fantasist as well as a prolific paedophile. We just hope his descriptions of murder are fantasy and not reality.'

Hull Crown Court heard how Martin became the legal guardian of two young girls he met through a charity.

Youngsters visiting the girls overnight at his home in Bridlington, East Yorkshire, would be knocked out with a powerful sedative and assaulted as they slept.

Martin photographed them and placed cards on their bodies with lurid descriptions of how he wanted to kill them.

He painted their necks and faces with red paint to simulate blood and held knives, pokers and even daggers to their throats.

He placed a piece of paper against the body of a nine-year-old which read: 'The girl she is nine. She is dead. I put my hand on her throat. It didn't take long.'

Martin also wrote obscene messages on the faces of girls while he was working as a face painter at the seaside. He photographed their faces before re-painting them.

His abuse lasted from 1988 to 2003, but in 1993 he was investigated by South Yorkshire Police for being in possession of indecent photos.

The CPS decided not to prosecute him.

Social workers continued to monitor him and refused to take the girls into care.

Humberside Police admitted yesterday that they also investigated Martin during the 1990s and seized a roll of film, but again no action was taken.

Norman Wells, director of the Family and Youth Concern group, said: 'This is a horrendous case of persistent child abuse of unspeakable proportions. There will need to be a full investigation into the failure of the child protection agencies to take effective action to protect these vulnerable children.'

Martin, who admitted 57 counts of indecent assault, abduction, indecency with a child, administering noxious substances and taking indecent photographs, will be sentenced tomorrow.

6-year-old sister was molested, cop testifies

Girls' abduction said to be planned 2 weeks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO—One of the two young sisters allegedly kidnapped in Michigan by their formerbaby-sitter was molested as many as three times during the five-day ordeal, a detective testified Wednesday.

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Stafford, 21, was arrested along with his 17-year-old brother Lee and Ricky Geer, 19, on federal kidnapping charges Tuesday after a nationwide search.

Ronald Stafford, the girls' former baby-sitter, has a juvenile record for sexual assault. The girls' father, Jesse Hainer, said he had known Stafford for more than a year but later told him to stay away from his daughters.

"I think it was revenge," Hainer said Wednesday. "When I figured out what kind of person he was, his background, I didn't want him around here."

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The girls' grandfather, Robert Hainer, said he was "sick" over the charges.

"I want them to spend the rest of their lives in prison. I know that's a heck of a lot to say about an 18- or 19-year-old," he said.

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"I'm free!" the 6-year-old girl said outside her home Wednesday. She arrived Tuesday night.

The 9-year-old had a message for Ronald Stafford. "The next time I see him, I'm going to kick him in the rear end."

The girls said nothing more and struggled to keep their souvenir law-enforcement hats on as relatives embraced them.

Teresa Hainer, the girls' mother, is talking about challenging her ex-husband's custodial rights in court.

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Sister may have been molested

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The 9-year-old sister told investigators she had not been molested, and she refused a doctor's examination, Adazzio said.

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NEWS

Cicero family fears daughter abducted

By Mark Skertic
and Liz Vivanco
Staff Reporters

Katie Ann Turner is the kind of little girl who used to tell other kids to stay away from strangers. Now her family is worried 11-year-old Katie didn't take her own advice.

They haven't seen Katie since they left her sitting on the front porch of the family's Cicero home early Thursday evening.

"I don't know where she is, I just want her home," her mother, Alinka Turner, said.

Sunday night, Cicero police would release little information about the girl, except to confirm they have begun a missing person investigation.

Alinka Turner fears her daughter may have been grabbed by two young men who followed her into a nearby Osco Drug store the day before her disappearance and began talking to her.

Katie Ann Turner
Last seen on porch

On Thursday, when Katie was alone outside the family home on South 55th Court, the pair may have returned. Alinka Turner said: "I think they might have called her to the car to talk to her and they snatched her."

Katie, who recently completed fifth grade at Liberty School, is a bright student who has never run away, her mother said. The family had planned for her to move to Portage, Ind., in the late summer to live with her father, Gary Turner, and start sixth grade.

Katie's family and friends have blanketed the community with her picture and description, while Alinka Turner and her husband, Tim Miller, have taken their search to the streets. "I've been driving everywhere. I've talked to gangbangers," Alinka Turner said.

"My husband walks into groups of them, puts his hands up and asks if they've seen her."

Sunday night, he planned to be at a street corner where he heard the men's car is sometimes seen. "We believe they have our daughter and we want her back," Miller said.

In her diary, Katie wrote that the boys she met were named Jimmy and Jose and are 19 and 20, her mother said.

They drove a white 1987 Toyota Corolla two-door with rust on the passenger side.

Katie is 5-foot-3, with a medium build, brown hair and brown eyes. On Thursday, she wore black denims with sparkles, a gray crop top with Winnie the Pooh on the front, silver hoop earrings and white gym shoes with black trim.

Cicero police have asked that anyone with information call (708) 652-2130.

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Gunman kidnaps girl, 14, from home

SALT LAKE CITY—A gunman broke into a home and took a 14-year-old girl from her bedroom Wednesday, warning the girl's younger sister he would hurt her if she told anyone what she saw, police said.

Police, some with tracking dogs, began searching the foothills before dawn, and authorities for the first time used a statewide emergency alert system to quickly broadcast information about the missing child.

Police said there was no indication that the man knew the youngster, but authorities were looking at the family's computer to see if the girl had contacted strangers online and interviewed the 8th grader's classmates. Mayor Rocky Anderson announced a $10,000 reward offered for information about her disappearance.

The girl's 9-year-old sister waited several hours before alerting her parents because of the threat, police spokesman Dwayne Baird said.

The sister told police that the soft-spoken man got into the house by forcing open a window and had a small black handgun. The 14-year-old was wearing red pajamas, and the man let her take a pair of shoes, police said.

Baird also said the family's home is for sale and police are looking at a list of people who toured the house.

FBI aids search for Cicero girl

Hunt intensifies for 11-year-old missing since Thursday evening.

By Carlos Sadovi
Staff Reporter

As Alinka Turner plastered the neighborhood near her Cicero home with fliers seeking help in finding her 11-year-old daughter, she kissed her palm and placed it over the picture of her beloved "Boogie."

It's been four days since Turner last saw her daughter Katie Ann, nicknamed because of her love of dancing.

"I just want her to come home," Turner said. "If she did run away, I want her to know it's OK."

Cicero police are not sure what happened to the girl, but the FBI was called in Monday morning and has agreed to help local police search for the sixth-grader, FBI spokeswoman Mary Lynn Voros said.

Turner last saw her daughter standing in front of the family's apartment on Thursday as Turner stepped into their home to cook dinner.

When she returned outside to check on her daughter, she was gone. Katie may have been taken away by two young men who followed her into a nearby drug store the day before her disappearance, Turner said.

In a diary entry, Turner read that Katie had met the young men and that they drove a white car. She had noticed a white car cruising through the neighborhood shortly before Katie was discovered to be missing.

"One minute, I think she's going to be OK, and the next minute I'm thinking awful thoughts," Turner said.

Katie Ann Turner has brown hair and eyes, a medium build, and stands 5 feet 3 inches tall.

Along with posting thousands of fliers in the western suburb, the family has been scouring the area and even asking gang members for help. The family says the two men may have been in a gang and lured Katie into their car.

Holly Garris, Katie's older sister, said she believes she saw her sister in a black sport-utility vehicle with several young men on Sunday around 4:30 p.m.

She and an uncle who were driving around searching for her sister saw the SUV about a mile from their home, but it sped away when they began to pursue it, Garris said. She notified police.

"I know it was her, I know what my little sister looks like," Garris said.

Cicero police are classifying Katie's disappearance as a missing person case but have not ruled out any options, including the girl running away, Cicero police spokesman Keith Fry said.

"We're treating it as a missing persons investigation and exploring everything from her being a runaway to a forceable abduction," Fry said. "Our detectives are working round the clock."

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Rich Hein/Sun-Times

Alinka Turner taped posters around her Cicero neighborhood Monday, seeking help in locating her daughter, Katie Ann.

THE NATION

Body believed to be that of missing girl

Cassandra Williamson, 6, vanished from a suburban St. Louis home and, authorities said, was killed by a local transient who had stayed in the home overnight. PAGE 11

Transient who spent night with family is arrested

By Joe Stange

VALLEY PARK, Mo.—A 6-year-old girl vanished from a suburban St. Louis home Friday and was killed by a man who had stayed there overnight, police said.

Cassandra Williamson was reported missing Friday morning from the house where her family was staying. Police said the suspect, a 24-year-old local transient who had slept on the couch, later told them the girl's body was at an abandoned glass factory a few blocks away.

A group of search volunteers who had been going door-to-door arrived about the same time as investigators at the factory, where the girl's body was found.

Friday night, Cassandra's parents went to the crime scene and identified the body, said James McCrady, a St. Louis County medical examiner's office investigator. The parents later were driven away behind the coroner's van carrying their daughter's body.

St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battelle said the transient was arrested but charges had not yet been filed.

Cassandra Williamson
Vanished during breakfast

Ernie Williamson and Cassandra's mother, Angela Williamson, had separated but still spent some nights together at a neighbor's home, where Ernie Williamson had been staying for about a week. Thursday night, the entire family —Ernie and Angela Williamson and their four children—stayed at the home, along with the suspect.

Police described the suspect as a local transient who sometimes slept in the factory. Ernie Williamson said he had only known him a few days and that his roommate and the transient were up late drinking the night before. He said the transient was sleeping on the couch Friday morning.

Authorities said Cassandra was in the kitchen around 7:30 a.m. with her father. Williamson said he was about to pour his daughter a bowl of cereal and left the room briefly to go the bathroom. When he returned, the girl, barefoot and dressed in a white nightgown, had disappeared.

The father said he also noticed the transient was gone. About a half-hour later, Williamson said, the man returned to the house, wet and muddy, and said he had been swimming in a nearby river. Police began questioning him soon after he returned.

Before the body was found, Cassandra's mother, Angela, said: "She never walks off without telling me she's going somewhere. She doesn't even go to her friend's house without telling me she was going. I just want my baby."

As word of the disappearance spread, volunteers began joining in the search, which also included helicopters and bloodhounds. Many were looking around an area along the Meramec River, which runs through Valley Park in southwest St. Louis County. *AP*

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Body found after St. Louis girl vanishes

St. Louis Post-Dispatch photo by Jerry Naunheim Jr.

gela and Ernie Williamson comfort each other after their 6-year-old daughter, Cassandra, disap-ared Friday morning. A man who was at the Williamson home has been arrested in the case.

Associated Press

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A body, believed to be Cassandra's, was found at the factory.

St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battelle said the body had not been identified, "but we feel certain it is her."

Battelle said an autopsy was planned to determine the cause of death.

Battelle said Johnny Johnson was arrested but charges had not been filed. Johnson spent the night at a home shared by Cassandra's father, Ernie Williamson, and a roommate, the father said.

Cassandra

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Reuters photo by Mike E

Cheers go up outside a San Diego courthouse Wednesday after it was announced that David Westerfield had been found guilty.

Neighbor guilty in girl's slaying

Jury in Danielle van Dam case deliberates 9 days

By Tony Perry
Special to the Tribune 8/22/2

Danielle

Westerfield

SAN DIEGO—After nine days of deliberations, a jury on Wednesday convicted David Westerfield of the kidnapping and murder of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam in a case that gained nationwide notoriety when the defense blamed the girl's murder on the "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" lifestyle of her grieving parents.

Superior Court Judge William Mudd set next Wednesday to begin the penalty phase of the trial. The jury of six men and six women will be asked to recommend the death penalty or life in prison without parole for the 50-year-old, self-employed design engineer, who lived two houses away from the van Dams and once had bought Girl Scout cookies from Danielle.

Under state law, kidnapping is a special circumstance that makes a murderer eligible for execution. The judge can accept or reject the jury's recommendation.

"Oh, my God!" Brenda van Dam, Danielle's mother, said softly as the first guilty verdict was read aloud by a court clerk. She and her husband, Damon, wept and embraced as jurors were polled on the charges.

Westerfield trembled slightly and stared directly at jurors. The jurors—two of whom were in tears—refused to look at Westerfield, his attorneys or the prosecutors.

Westerfield's sister, brother-in-law and former brother-in-law left the court badly shaken.

"I am in shock. I am just in shock," said David Neal, Westerfield's ex-brother-in-law. "He thought he was going to get off."

Until the jury decides what punishment to recommend, Mudd continued a gag order keeping jurors, lawyers and witnesses from discussing the case.

Defense attorney Steven Feldman told Mudd he has 10 out-of-state witnesses who are expected to beg the jury for mercy for Westerfield during the penalty phase of the trial.

Westerfield had no prior criminal history except for a drunken-driving conviction in 1995.

The Feb. 2 kidnapping of Danielle proved to be the first in a series of crimes against children that has gripped the nation this year.

San Diego Police Chief David Bejarano said, "We're satisfied and relieved with the verdict."

While not required to prove a motive, prosecutors asserted that Westerfield kidnapped and murdered Danielle because he harbored sexual fantasies about young girls. The jury also convicted him of misdemeanor possession of child pornography found on his computers.

During the trial, prosecut presented evidence that nielle's blood, fingerprints hair were found in Westerfie home and recreational vehicl

Feldman countered that th was no evidence that Westerf was ever in the van Dam ho two doors away from his hom the upscale neighborhood Sabre Springs.

He also asserted that the Dams' lifestyle left Danielle nerable to strangers having cess to the family home.

Brenda, 39, who sold book school libraries, and Damon, software engineer, testified they had swapped sex partn with other couples and occas ally smoked marijuana.

Feldman, who described couple's lifestyle as "sex, dr and rock 'n' roll," told jurors ing his closing arguments "we don't think they realized dangers of the lifestyle they gaged in."

Tony Perry is a staff writer for Los Angeles Times, a Trib newspaper.

AP photo by John Gress

Memorial for slain girls moved to safer ground

Oregon City, Ore., police Lt. Mike Conrad (right) helps clear stuffed animals Thursday from a makeshift memorial for slain teenagers Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond. The mementos were relocated for a memorial service and to protect them from rain.

Suspect in Calif. girl's slaying may face death

Killer should 'burn,' defendant's mother said—before arrest

By Chelsea J. Carter

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The factory worker arrested in the abduction and slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion was charged Monday with murder and other counts that could bring the death penalty.

The charges against Alejandro Avila came a week after Samantha was abducted kicking and screaming outside her apartment while playing with a friend.

The girl's nude body was found a day later. Investigators said she had been sexually assaulted and suffocated.

Avila, 27, was charged with murder, kidnapping and two counts of forcible lewd acts on a child. Prosecutors could seek the death penalty under special circumstances included with the charges: The murder occurred after a kidnapping and the crime involved lewd acts with a person under 14.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackackaus said no decision has been made on whether to seek the death penalty.

"I do want to make one thing very clear," he said. "Anyone who commits an act like this in Orange County will either die in prison of natural causes or be executed."

Avila, who works at a plant that makes pacemakers, appeared at the hearing via video from a jail. He did not enter a plea Monday and was ordered held without bail.

Avila has denied involvement in the girl's disappearance, saying he was at a mall when she was kidnapped. Officials say DNA evidence found on the girl's body matches that of Avila.

In an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," Avila's mother, Adelina, said that before her son's arrest, she and her son were watching TV reports about the girl's disappearance, and "I said they should get that person and tie him up alive and burn him."

"And then he said, 'What about the electric chair?' And I said, 'No, because he's not going to suffer that much,'" she recalled.

She added: "If my son is found guilty and sentenced to the death penalty, I could forgive him, but it would be hard."

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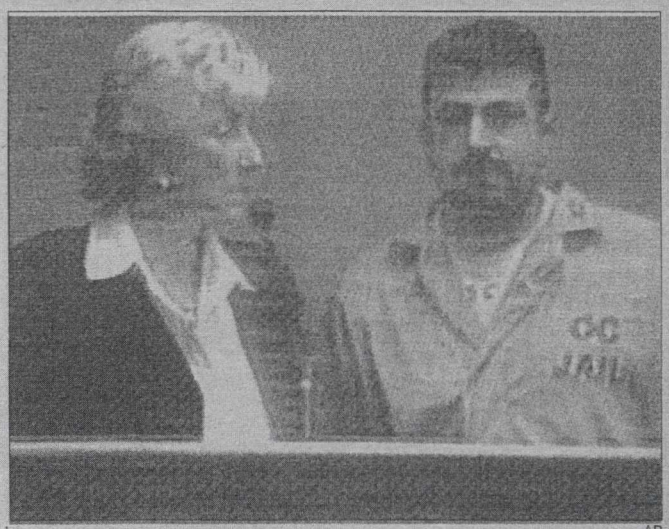

AP

Alejandro Avila, with public defender Lorene Mies, appears at an Orange County, Calif., courtroom via a video feed from jail Monday.

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Girl kidnapped from her room at gunpoint

A gunman broke into a home and took a 14-year-old girl from her bedroom Wednesday, warning the girl's younger sister he would hurt her if she told anyone what she saw, Salt Lake City police said. Police, some with tracking dogs, began searching the foothills for Elizabeth Smart before dawn and authorities used a statewide emergency alert system to quickly broadcast information about a missing child. Police said there was no indication the man knew Elizabeth. Her 9-year-old sister waited several hours before alerting her parents about the abduction because of the threat, police said. Elizabeth was wearing red pajamas, and the man let her take a pair of shoes, police said.

Body identified as 1 of 2 teens who disappeared

2nd set of remains found in Oregon

Associated Press

Miranda

Ashley

OREGON CITY, Ore.—A second set of human remains was found Sunday at the home of a man who has said he is the prime suspect in the disappearance of two teenage girls, police said. The FBI also identified the body found Saturday in the man's shed as one of the girls.

The second set of remains were found in a barrel beneath a cement slab that Ward Weaver, 39, had poured behind the home after the disappearance of neighbors Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13, this winter, said Oregon City Police Chief Gordon Huiras.

No charges have been filed in the case, said Charles Mathews, the FBI's special agent in charge in Oregon.

Huiras said Weaver is a suspect in the case. It's the first time Weaver, who has denied involvement in the girls' disappearances, has been identified as a suspect by any law-enforcement official.

"Obviously, this is a very sad conclusion to this investigation," Mathews said. "On the other hand, I think the case has been resolved."

Weaver said weeks ago that he was a suspect in the FBI investigation, and investigators have been searching the grounds of his rented home for the past two days.

They discovered remains of one human body stashed in a shed behind the house, but did not immediately identify the body. On Sunday, authorities said the remains belonged to Miranda, but did not disclose the conditions of the bodies and had not determined how they died.

Agents used shovels and a pickax Sunday to dig several shallow holes about 50 feet from the shed after specialists went over the property with a thermal-imaging device.

Other investigators worked inside a large white tent that had been erected over the concrete slab by authorities. A white SUV, its back door open, was backed up to the white tent. Later a gurney was taken out of the tent. An object was placed inside, and the SUV drove off.

Weaver agreed to the search because he wanted to "bring closure to the families," his attorney, Timothy Lyons, told The Oregonian. Lyons did not elaborate. Authorities have not said why Weaver needed to consent to the search because he already had been evicted from the house.

Lyons would not comment Sunday, but his assistant said they were spending the day "getting organized."

Weaver has been jailed since Aug. 13, when he was charged with raping his 19-year-old son's girlfriend. His son told emergency dispatchers that his father had killed Ashley and Miranda.

Weaver said Ashley was a friend of his daughter who frequently stayed overnight at their house. He said she had lived at the home for several months last year while her father was in jail on charges of abusing her.

Ashley's mother, Laurie Pond, recently told the Portland Tribune that Weaver's account of the relationship is a lie and that her daughter never ran away from home.

Her family last saw her Jan. 9 eating breakfast with her younger sister before school. On March 8, Ashley's friend Miranda also disappeared from the same neighborhood in the woods south of Portland.

Investigators interviewed

AP photo by John Klicker

Nikki Moore, 11, visits a memorial Sunday for two girls at the Oregon City, Ore., home where two sets of remains have been found.

residents, went on national television with appeals for information and passed out fliers with pictures of the missing girls. They received thousands of tips, but were unable to single out a suspect until Weaver's son called.

When residents found out about the son's allegations, they urged authorities to remove the concrete slab that Weaver had poured shortly after Miranda's disappearance.

Miranda's mother, Michelle Duffey, said through her lawyer that she didn't share other people's frustration with the pace of the investigation.

"She understands that if things are done outside of the law, then potential evidence could be thrown out, and that would be a real shame," attorney Linda Beloof said.

Weaver, whose own father is on Death Row in California for killing a woman and burying her body in his yard, told reporters several months ago that the FBI considered him a suspect. The previous summer, Ashley had accused him of molesting her, but he denied the allegations and was never charged.

A large crowd—kept away from the scene by a chain-link fence erected by police but turned into a makeshift memorial, with candles, flowers and teddy bears—had gathered to watch investigators search the grounds of Weaver's rented home.

Paedophile pair jailed for life

TWO convicted paedophiles were last week jailed for life for planning to kidnap, rape and murder a young girl.

Michael Williams, 47, and 49-year-old Paul Elkington intended to scour the country for a victim aged between two and 10 to use as a sexual toy.

They planned to keep a mattress in the back of their van and discussed how they would photograph and videotape their victim's suffering. They also fantasised how they would then kill the child and dump the body.

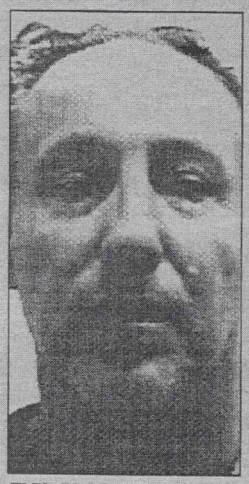
BY MARTIN STOTE

But their scheme was thwarted by a West Midlands undercover police officer, identified in court only as Dave, who befriended them and taped and videoed the pair over many months.

Sentencing them at Nottingham Crown Court, Mr Justice Holland said that the perverts "yearned to rape" a child and commit other acts of gross indecency for "thrills".

"That fantasy marks you both down as dangerous men – totally self-fixated," the judge told them.

Elkington, of Coventry, and Williams, of Bilston, West Midlands, pleaded guilty to conspiracy at an earlier hearing. The court had heard that both have long records of offences against children dating back 30 years.



EVIL PLOT: Williams

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TRI-STATE News from Indiana, Wisconsin and Downstate Illinois

Sex offenders were housed at motel

Manager says he was told Indiana parolees had 'minor offenses'

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The state Department of Correction housed several convicted sex offenders out on parole at a motel without telling its manager of their offenses.

Nick Amin, manager of the Drake Motel, said he was told by correction department officials that the parolees had "minor offenses."

"I had no idea. They did not tell me what they were here for," Amin said.

Since October, at least six offenders released from prison have lived at the motel on the city's south side for two or three weeks before moving on to their own dwellings, the South Bend Tribune reported Thursday.

The parolees staying at the motel were removed Wednesday after the Tribune made inquiries about the practice.

Department spokeswoman Java Ahmed said law enforcement officials were usually contacted about the background of sex offenders arriving in a community, but she couldn't say whether the department policy includes notifying others.

She noted the offenders must register with authorities, and that sex offender registries are open to the public.

"Our responsibility is not to have them roaming the streets in Indiana and causing the public stress," Ahmed said.

The Tribune reported that when county officials learned that sex offenders were staying at the motel, they threatened that if the motel didn't stop accepting such clients that they would hang a sign warning patrons that sex offenders were living there. *AP*

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Killer on Death Row who gave US Megan's Law

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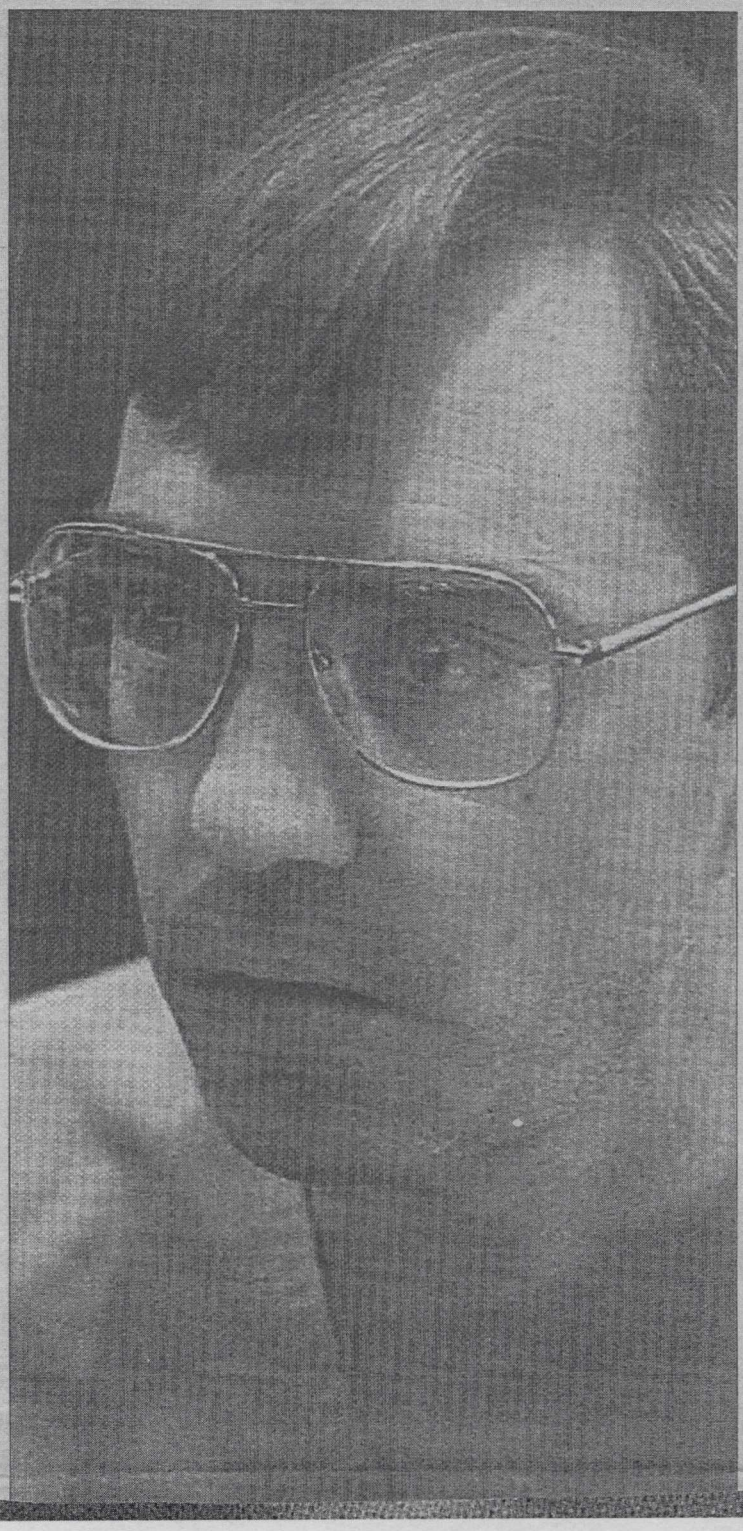

THERE are 14 inmates on Death Row in the industrial town of Trenton, New Jersey, but none more notorious than sallow, bespectacled Jesse Timmendquas.

As he awaits his day in the execution chamber, he does so knowing he is the man whose evil led America – and now Britain – to question the law and force change.

He abducted, raped and strangled seven-year-old Megan Kanka, after moving within sight of her suburban home with two other paedophiles he had met while serving sentences for sexually abusing children.

Rich and Maureen Kanka had no idea that from behind a curtain across the street, their little girl was watched by Timmendquas as he fed his dreadful fantasies.

When Megan disappeared on a sunny July day, the office worker even joined the hunt.

Within days of their daughter being found, stuffed into a plastic toy chest and dumped in a park, the Kankas started a petition to press for changes in the law which would allow a community to know when a convicted paedophile was in their midst.

They collected 430,000 signatures within three months.

Two years later, the Kankas travelled to Washington and watched President Clinton sign into the statue book Megan's Law in 1996, requiring every American state to notify neighbours if an offender was being released into their community.

In 21 states, the list can be read by anyone with a computer and modem. Names and faces are all there for public viewing. Other states issue letters of notification to people living within 1,000 yards of a known paedophile.

Following the tragic death of little Sarah Payne, and the naming and shaming debate, it is a law that many in Britain might welcome. Yet in the US, nobody is quite certain whether the law works, though few politicians are prepared to question a highly popular piece of legislation.

As in Britain, critics from civil rights and rehabilitation groups argue that it drives offenders underground, gives them little incentive to reform and can lead to vigilante attacks.

But it is hard to argue against the simple, sad observation made by Mrs Kanka: "We didn't know that this man was here. If we had done, then my Megan would be alive."

GUILTY: Timmendquas, the paedophile on Death Row for Megan killing

VICTIM: Megan Kanka, aged seven

VICTIM: Britain's Sarah Payne, eight

CALIFORNIA

Death to be sought in kidnap-murder

SAN DIEGO — Prosecutors said Thursday that they will seek the death penalty against the neighbor accused of kidnapping and murdering Danielle van Dam.

The 7-year-old girl had vanished from her bedroom Feb. 2 and was found dead along a rural road three weeks later.

David Westerfield, 50, is set for trial May 17.

At a court hearing, prosecutor Jeff Dusek said the decision to seek the death penalty had been made "after full and careful consideration."

Westerfield's lawyers are pressing for speedy trial even though such serious cases usually require several months of legal preparation.

"I've never heard of a death penalty case in this or any other community going in 60 days," Superior Court Judge William Mudd said.

Separately, Mudd denied a defense request for copies of allegedly pornographic material seized from Westerfield's home and computer. Prosecutors argued it would be illegal for anyone, including the court, to copy and distribute such material.

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Jury urges death for killer of 7-year-old

SAN DIEGO — A jury decided Monday that David Westerfield should get the death penalty for killing 7-year-old neighbor Danielle van Dam.

Westerfield, a 50-year-old engineer, shook slightly as the verdict was read, while his mother began to cry in the courtroom.

He had faced either execution or life in prison without parole for killing Danielle in February.

Despite the jury's recommendation, Superior Court Judge William Mudd has the option of sentencing Westerfield to life without parole Nov. 22.

The same jurors who convicted Westerfield told the judge earlier Monday they were deadlocked after five days of deliberations. After returning their unanimous verdict, one juror left to compose herself.

Everyone shared our tragedy. It could have been their daughters

THE father of Holly Wells spoke movingly yesterday about why the murder of his daughter and her best friend became a national tragedy.

Kevin Wells, 38, said: 'It touched a chord in the nation's hearts because people could see that here were two beautiful young girls from loving families who were doing nothing wrong.

'It was a lovely summer evening, they were within their parameters, they had a mobile phone, they were together and they were taken.

'I think people just felt that it could so easily have been their daughters.'

In an interview with his local paper, Mr Wells told of the dark days after he and his wife Nicola, along with Jessica Chapman's parents Leslie and Sharon, were told their daughters had been murdered.

'Even though we had known in our heart of hearts that they might not be coming back, the discovery still came as an absolute hammer blow,' he told the Cambridge Evening News.

'Having everyone round here and telling them Holly was definitely dead was tremendously harrowing and obviously something you never think, as a father, you will have to face.'

The 10-year-old girls disappeared from a barbeque at Holly's house in Soham, Cambridgeshire, on Sunday August 4. Both sets of parents were in the media spotlight from day one.

Mr Wells said: 'Seeing yourself on television day after day is a strange feeling indeed. But in a way you're really not aware of it.

'I think, being in the eye of the storm, all of our thoughts were simply focused on the girls.' During the next two weeks, the parents believed their daughters may still be alive.

'They endured many emotions as there were false sightings of the girls and a false report of makeshift graves in Newmarket, Suffolk.

Then the girls' bodies were found near RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, on August 17.

School caretaker Ian Huntley, 28, was arrested and later charged with their murder.

His girlfriend Maxine Carr, 25, a former teaching assistant at the girls' school, was charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Mr Wells said: 'From then there was a definite shift in emotions.

'This crime had been committed against my daughter and her friend and the initial disbelief of it all turned to a great deal of anger.

'This was coupled with feelings of frustration and helplessness for Holly, and really just finding it all so hard to comprehend.

'They were dark, dark days.'

The discovery of the girls' bodies caused an outpouring of grief around the country.

Condolence messages flooded into the homes of both families, and the churchyard of St Andrew's Church in Soham disappeared under a sea of flowers.

Mr Wells, who runs a contract cleaning business, said his family was now looking to the future.

'As a family we are now trying to be as positive as we can be and creating an environment for Oliver (*Holly's 12-year-old brother*) which is conducive to his progress.

'Myself and Nicola are also tentatively returning to work but not yet in a full-time capacity.

'We are just trying to keep taking those small steps towards a sense of normality.

'Having said that, over the last few days myself and Nicola have been very low and tearful again.

'We've just been feeling so desperate at our loss of Holly.'

By **Peter Allen**

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Holly Wells: Father spoke of the 'dark, dark days' since her death

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e, 6, at her sister's funeral. "She misses your huggles," their mother said

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Mother's sad farewell to murdered Sarah

By Steve Bird

THE mother of Sarah Payne broke down in tears yesterday as she said her final farewell to the eight-year-old daughter who was murdered two months ago.

Sara Payne, 31, wept as she read out a letter she had written to her dead daughter at her funeral at St Peter's Church, Hersham, in Surrey.

Earlier Sarah's father Michael, 31, led 21 family members, in the funeral procession past more than 300 people who had lined the streets to pay their respects.

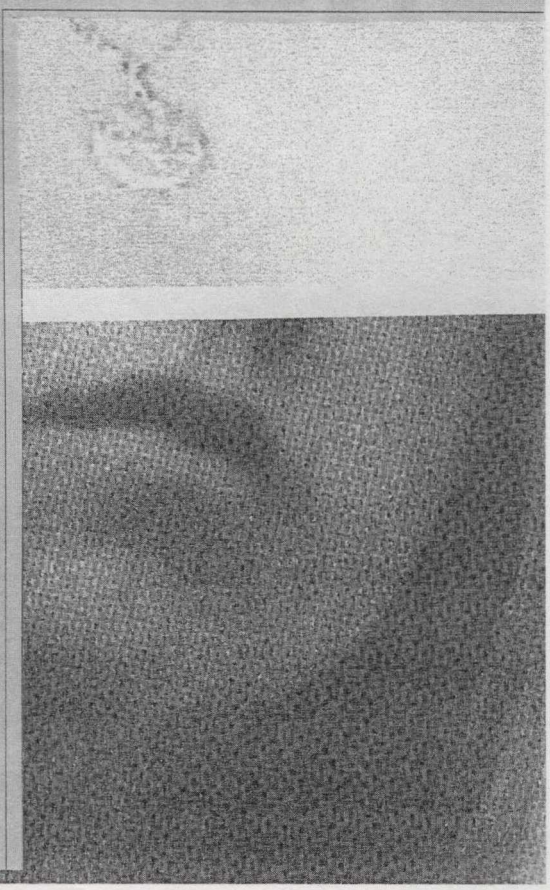
Mrs Payne clasped the hand of her youngest Charlotte, 6, as her brothers Lee, 13, and Luke, 11, walked by their father's side in the cortège.

Four dapple grey horses with black feather plumes drew a Victorian glass carriage carrying the white coffin shrouded with flowers. On top of the carriage the words Sarah and Princess were created out of white and purple blooms.

Inside the church, Mrs Payne's voice quivered as she read: "Dear Sarah, ever since you came bounding into our lives at two in the morning with no phone in the house, with one tooth in your head and a smile that could melt ice, we loved you. You were a joy that made our lives full. Daddy called you princess because that's just what you are.

"You used to sleep then and you were never up before 10am and when you started school we never thought you would get up but you loved it, you loved your friends and you loved your teachers."

But Mrs Payne broke down as she told how Sarah's brothers missed her "top chats" and how Charlotte longed for her "stories, songs, your games and most of all your huggles. As a daughter, my darling, you were perfect. Love always and forever. Mummy and Daddy."



James Bulger's father challenges the Lord Chief Justice

My boy's killers must not be freed

By **Peter Allen**

THE father of James Bulger launched a last-ditch appeal yesterday to prevent his son's teenage murderers being freed.

Lawyers for Ralph Bulger claimed that one of the killers, Robert Thompson, had been involved in two violent incidents at the secure unit where he is serving his sentence.

But another lawyer appearing for the Home Secretary told the court that one of the incidents was completely fabricated.

When the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Woolf, began the process of freeing Thompson and Jon Venables, both 18, last October, he said that neither had shown 'any aggression or propensity for violence during his period of detention'.

Accordingly he recommended that their tariffs for the murder should be be cut to just eight years. They became eligible for early release when Home Secretary Jack Straw rubber-stamped the recommendation, although the Parole Board will make the final decision.

Applying for permission to seek judicial review, Mr Bulger's lawyer Alan Newman QC told London's High Court of the 'astounding' failure of the Home Office to report two violent incidents to Lord Woolf.

Mr Newman said that in January 1997 there had been a fist fight between Thompson, then 14, and another inmate, John Howells, 16, over 'who had committed the most evil crime'.

Howells, who was allegedly left with chest and eye injuries, had battered his mother to death with a hammer, while Thompson and Venables were ten when they abducted and murdered two-year-old James on a railway line in Liverpool in 1993.

Robert Thompson and Jon Venables before their arrest

Thompson was also alleged to have tried to strangle fellow detainee Scott Walker, 15, with a flex. Walker had made a statement in which he said Thompson had 'attempted to pull the wool over the eyes of the authorities' by pretending to be the victim when he was not, said Mr Newman.

'It simply didn't occur'

In an official incident report, Walker said: 'Thompson came into my room and started to strangle me with a flex as a cold, calculated response to my taunting him.'

But David Pannick QC, appearing for the Home Secretary, immediately intervened and said of the Howells incident: 'It simply didn't occur. It is simply a fabrication'.

Mr Brian Higgs QC, appearing for Thompson, also protested, saying: 'We have information that the allegation to which my friend now refers is totally fabricated'.

Lord Justice Rose, sitting with Mr Justice Sullivan and Mr Justice Penry-Davey, heard that a senior Prison Service official, Tim Morris, had sworn a statement saying there was no truth in the allegations arising from the Howells incident, and that the two detainees had formed a positive, supportive relationship.

But Mr Newman asked: 'How can you ignore two official incident reports? This is a matter which should have been brought to the Lord Chief Justice in the tariff-setting exercise period.'

The trial judge at Preston Crown Court, Mr Justice Morland, had recommended an eight-year minimum sentence for what he called 'an act of unparalleled barbarity'.

The then Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, increased the term to ten years.

The European Court of Human Rights ruled former Home Secretary Michael Howard acted illegally when he further increased the tariff to 15 years.

Recommending the eight-year tariff, Lord Woolf said the two boys had done everything to redeem themselves although their crime remained 'horrendous'.

Mr Newman accused Lord Woolf of going wrong in law when he cut the tariff, because he put rehabilitation before the needs of punishment and deterrence.

The judge had also wrongly taken into account the 'progress' made by the boys since being sentenced and the 'corrosive atmosphere' to which they would be subjected if sent to a young offenders' institution.

The key question

Lawyers for Lord Woolf, the Home Secretary and Thompson and Venables will argue that Mr Bulger has no legal standing to seek a judicial review.

One of the key questions the court will have to decide is whether Lord Woolf's recommendation is 'unreviewable' because he is a judge of the supreme court.

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NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

Death penalty sought against suspect in Calif. girl's slaying

Prosecutors said Monday that they will seek the death penalty against the man accused of killing 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, who was dragged away from a playmate by a man who asked for help in finding his puppy. Alejandro Avila, 27, is charged with murder, kidnapping and two counts of forcible lewd acts on a child. He has denied the charges.

Police look for girl after parents slain

Virginia authorities suspect abduction

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press

BASSETT, Va.—Police were searching Thursday for a 9-year-old girl after finding her parents shot to death at their home in western Virginia.

Authorities had thought Jennifer Renee Short ran away during the shootings, but they now presume she was abducted, Henry County Sheriff's Capt. Kimmy Nester said.

Authorities issued an Amber Alert, relaying information about the case to television and radio stations in the hope of finding a lead in the case.

Police officers spread out and paced the rolling hills behind the Shorts' house in the afternoon.

"Nobody knows where this child is. That's not normal," Nester said. "The family is all in shock."

Nester said other family members live in the immediate area and none of them knew anything about the girl's whereabouts. He said police have no suspects in the slayings.

The bodies of Michael Short, 50, and Mary Short, 36, were found by a co-worker who dropped by the home 35 miles south of Roanoke, Franklin County Sheriff W. Quint Overton said.

Short, a self-employed mobile-home mover, was found in an enclosed carport and his wife was found in a bedroom.

Both were shot once in the head, and investigators said evidence seemed to rule out a murder-suicide.

The family lived in a brick home surrounded by motels and gasoline stations on U.S. 220, a busy north-south highway that cut through town.

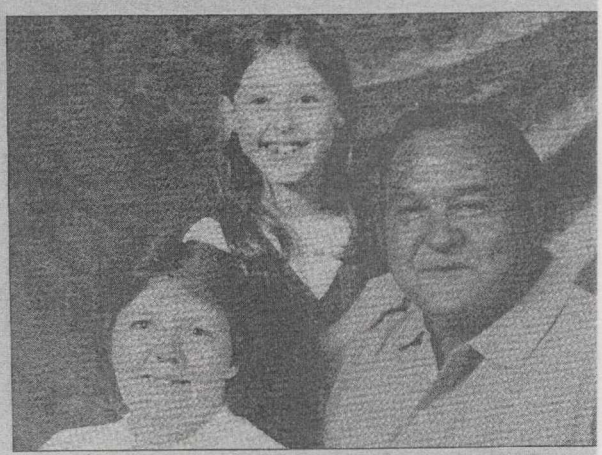
Traffic crept along the road late Thursday afternoon as police from multiple agencies set up a command center near the murder site.

The nearest neighbor, Ruby Emberson, 74, said she had no idea of anything wrong with the family.

"They were always outdoors together in the yard mowing the grass or whatever," she said. "They seemed as happy as could be."

Real estate agent Marlen Dalton said that on Aug. 5 th Shorts asked her to put thei house up for sale.

"Mr. Short said business wa just slow," she said. "He saic 'I've got a trailer of my own an we're going to move and live i that for a while.' "



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Police are searching for 9-year-old Jennifer Short after her parents were found dead at their home in Bassett, Va., on Thursday

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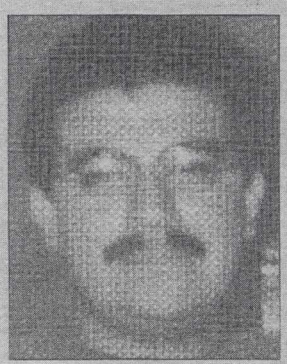
DNA links man to slain Calif. girl, 5

Evidence on body matches suspect, investigator says

By Chelsea J. Carter

STANTON, Calif.—DNA evidence found on the body of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion matches that of the man arrested in her killing, the Associated Press learned Saturday.

A source close to the investigation, who declined to be identified, confirmed a report in the Los Angeles Times on Saturday that DNA discovered on the girl's body matched that of Alejandro Avila. The source would not elaborate on the type of genetic material used for the match.



Alejandro Avila
Suspect denies allegations

Spokesman Jim Amormino of the Orange County Sheriff's Department would not confirm or deny the report but said authorities were "100 percent sure we have the right man."

Avila, 27, was arrested Friday for investigation of kidnapping and killing the girl. He has denied the allegations and says he was at a shopping mall Monday when the girl was abducted. The district attorney was expected to file formal charges by Tuesday.

Samantha was playing with a 5-year-old friend 50 yards from her home when a man, using the ruse of looking for a lost puppy, lured her close enough to grab her and carried her away, kicking and screaming.

Her body was found Tuesday about 10 miles from Avila's home. The suspect was put under surveillance Wednesday after police got a tip.

Hushed mourners gathered Saturday at an memorial in the courtyard of the town house complex where Samantha lived. Tables overflowed with flowers, balloons, cards and stuffed animals.

Some of the visitors expressed fear. "If there's one, there will be another," said Kathleen Siliuta, 30, who brought her 6-year-old daughter, Alexis, to see the memorial.

Juan Rivera, 36, also brought his daughter, Arias, 7. "I wanted to bring her to see you've got to be careful," he said.

"I have to scream and run" if attacked, the girl said.

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AP photo by Damian Dovarga

Eugene Chang (from left), Jazmine Chang and Jude Labastida light candles for Samantha Runnion at her California home Friday.

Suspect arrested in slaying

California sheriff 'certain' man guilty in death of girl, 5

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By Ryan Pearson
Associated Press

STANTON, Calif.—A 27-year-old factory worker acquitted of molesting two girls two years ago was arrested Friday in connection with the slaying of Samantha Runnion, 5, whose abduction sent a chill across Southern California.

The man was taken into custody at his mother's apartment in Lake Elsinore, about 50 miles from Stanton and about 10 miles from where the body was found.

About eight hours after announcing the arrest, Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona said at a news conference that he was "100 percent certain" the man was responsible for kidnapping and killing Samantha.

No charges were immediately announced, but Carona said the case was "ready to be handed over to the district attorney's office." In most cases, the Tribune does not name suspects unless they are charged.

The sheriff credited the speedy arrest to solid forensic and scientific investigation as well as tips from the public and the media's work in spreading news of the abduction and the suspect's description.

An acquaintance of the factory worker said the suspect was familiar with Samantha's apartment complex because he used to visit someone there a few years ago, before the Runnions moved in.

Samantha was playing with a friend 50 yards from her front door Monday evening when she was dragged kicking and screaming into the light green car of a man who had asked for help in finding his puppy.

Before his arrest, the factory worker denied any involvement in the slaying during an interview with the Los Angeles Times and said he told detectives he was at a mall when Samantha was kidnapped.

He said detectives told him they had found fibers on the body they considered key evidence.

The arrested man's mother said her apartment was searched by authorities late Thursday.

"I don't think my son did anything, but I notice he is cooperating," she said. "He hasn't been through this before so he doesn't know what's going on. He doesn't have a record."

Samantha

Two years ago, the man was charged with molesting two girls under 14 but was acquitted by a jury, Riverside County Deputy District Atty. Paul Dickerson said. He said he did not have details of the case.

Emeline Ricalde, the manager of the housing complex where the man and his mother live, said she saw him inspecting a light green car Tuesday.

"He was walking around it and looking at it," she said. thought maybe he was trying steal it."

She said she later learned was the factory worker's car.

The foster brother of the s pect's former girlfriend said man had visited Samanth neighborhood in Stanton 1998-99. He said he was visit his girlfriend's daughter, w lived in the same comp where the Runnion family liv

The Runnions moved to complex last year, in part to p vide a safer place for th daughter.

Samantha's body was disc ered Tuesday near a for along a highway that conne Lake Elsinore with the sub ban communities of Ora County, including Stanton. thorities said she had been s ually assaulted and suffocat

In Lake Elsinore, Bria Barber, 26, stood on her pa watching her 2-year-old pla short distance from the ap ment of the man in custody.

"It boggles my mind. I re can't believe he lived ri here," Barber said.

2 girls vanish, but show goes on

By Karen Brandon
Tribune national correspondent

OREGON CITY, Ore.—Miranda Gaddis, a bubbly 13-year-old who loved to dance, was supposed to perform here with other girls Saturday afternoon. She had planned to dance solo as a tribute to her 13-year-old friend and neighbor, Ashley Pond, who vanished one morning on her way to school.

Two weeks before the performance and two months after her friend's disappearance, Miranda vanished one morning on her way to school too.

On Saturday the community dance benefit went on, but it was to raise money for a reward to find two missing girls instead of one. The Oregon City High School gymnasium was filled with scores of dancing teenagers, hundreds of teary parents and an underlying sense of fear as palpable as the throbbing bass in the blaring hip-hop music.

Eerie similarities

The disappearances are so eerily parallel that they have drawn national attention, bringing the FBI and the television show "America's Most Wanted" to Oregon City, a historic lumber town that once was the capital of the Northwest Territory and now is a working-class Portland suburb.

AP photo by Eric (

Michelle Duffey comforts her youngest daughter, Miriah, after speaking with reporters about h
missing child, Miranda Gaddis, one of two girls from Oregon City, Ore., who have vanished.

Ashley and Miranda are both 7th graders at the same school, both members of the Gardiner Middle School dance teams. They are daughters of single mothers who live near one another in an apartment complex tucked into the woods near a busy city intersection. And both girls disappeared on a school morning—Ashley on Jan. 9, Miranda on March 8—as they headed for the school bus stop up the hill.

Miranda Gaddis

Ashley Pond

Though in the early days after Ashley disappeared some people thought she might have run away, the authorities are treating the cases as kidnappings, and they have said the girls likely were abducted by someone they knew.

"We are dealing with a serial offender who is going to repeat this kind of offense until stopped," said Charles Mathews, head of the Portland FBI office.

In the face of the tragedy, the residents of Oregon City have come together, as they did Saturday afternoon, buying baked goods, raffle tickets, kits to store children's DNA that can be used in the case of a kidnapping, and signs with pictures of the missing girls, decorated with blinking and heart-shaped lights. They hope to boost the reward, which had climbed to $60,000 before Saturday's event.

But they concede that suspicion over who among them could be responsible for the tragedy is also tearing them apart.

"I was sitting here today," said 7-year-old Jewell Martin, a Beavercreek Lions Club volunteer at the bake sale cash register, "and I was wondering if he's here."

Angela Hartmann, the mother of an 11-year-old girl whose budding baby-sitting work has been ended by worries about her safety, had a similar thought.

"That person may be here looking for the next victim," Hartmann said as she watched her daughter perform.

Michelle Rizzo, one of two Gardiner Middle School dance coaches who planned the afternoon dance invitational, a pageant of dance teams from the area, said that especially in the first weeks after Ashley's disappearance, she regarded many people warily.

"I would be looking at people and saying, 'I wonder if he's got her,' " Rizzo said.

Since the disappearances, she has banned visitors from dance practices, dashes outside to pepper with questions anyone caught peering in the windows, and advised members of the team not to accept rides from anyone they have known for fewer than five months.

The routines of every family in Oregon City, it seems, have changed in the wake of the girls' disappearances.

Parents who once thought nothing of allowing their children to ride the bus to school now forbid it.

Lisa Elliott no longer allows her children to walk alone to get the mail from the box at the end of her long driveway. Her children are afraid to be out alone in the fenced back yard, she said, adding, "And we have three dogs!"

Her husband works nights, and since the two girls disappeared, her six children insist on sleeping with their mother.

Jan Elfving made arrangements to drive her daughter to a friend's house in the morning, so the friend's mother can drive the two to school. Her daughter, McKenzie, is no longer allowed to stay home alone for any reason.

Parents on alert

"You're very cautious, and you always have to be suspicious," she said.

Even at the benefit dance, parents occasionally panicked if they lost sight of their son or daughter in the crowd.

The missing girls' weeping mothers watched the performances from the front row of packed wooden bleachers. Ashley's mother, Lori Pond, is pregnant and wore an oversize T-shirt with the two girls' pictures on it. Michelle Duffey wore a T-shirt with a heartbreaking statement printed across the chest above Miranda's picture.

"My daughter is miss read her shirt. Other relat had shirts with the w changed so that the phrase "niece" or "granddaughter."

Investigators say they hav ceived more than a thous tips about the girls—Ashley, quiet girl who liked to wear long brown hair in a bun loved root beer, and Miranda, mile-a-minute talker who just dyed her long brown l blond.

Area schools join dance

Saturday's benefit featu the routines of local junior h school and high school da teams.

The two Gardiner Mid School teams, the Missfitz, A ley's team, and the Fallen A gels, Miranda's team, perform together in the finale to the I Ann Womack song "I Hope Y Dance," a musical plea for livi life fully.

In a dramatic moment tween the street moves and h hop music, five girls in pale bl ballet gowns danced in the c ter of the gymnasium floor t ballad, "Absence of Fear."

The voice of singer Jewel fill the gym: "Inside my hea there's an empty room. It's wa ing for lightning. It's waiting f you. And I am wanting, and I a needing you here."

And the girls, who had chor ographed the dance for th event, ended their performan simply, laying red roses on tw white, vacant chairs.

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Sheer evil

Teenager lured girl of six from a party, throttled her, stamped on her throat, tried to rape her then buried her alive in a wood

By **James Tozer**

A TEENAGER who subjected a six-year-old girl to a horrifying sex attack then left her for dead has been sentenced to life in custody.

Phillip Hodges, 15, seized the terrified child from the street where she was playing and dragged her into woodland.

He tried to strangle the girl, first with his hands then by stamping on her throat, before attempting to rape her. He left her covered in leaves and earth.

After Hodges was convicted of attempted murder, the judge ruled that he could be named despite his age.

But his identity was not revealed until yesterday after a High Court challenge to the ruling was rejected on Christmas Eve.

Hodges was playing close to his home in Malpas near Newport, South Wales, during the Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend last June when he dragged the girl away from her friends.

He tried to strangle her then removed some of her clothing before attempting to rape her, probably while she was unconscious.

Apparently believing he had killed her, Hodges covered the girl with vegetation. Half an hour later he went to her home to say he had lost her in the woods.

As relatives and neighbours spent an hour searching for the girl, Hodges pretended to help, looking at the other end of the woods in an effort 'to distance himself from what he had done', Cardiff

'A dangerous young man'

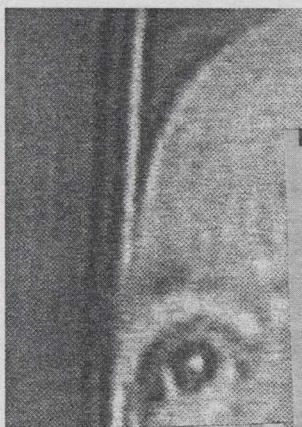
Crown Court was told last week. The victim was finally found after she regained consciousness and began screaming for her mother.

She was in such a state that her rescuers did not even recognise her, prosecutor Mark Evans QC said.

'People who were searching for her thought they had found a different child. She was unrecognisable and covered in earth and leaves,' he said.

Her body was scratched and bruised from being dragged through brambles and nettles and she had suffered a haemorrhage in her left eye and bruising to her throat caused by the force with which she was strangled.

Hodges, who was found guilty of attempted murder, attempted rape and kidnapping, was sentenced to life in custody last Thursday.



JAILED SEX RING FREE TO PREY ON CHILDREN

Anger as paedophile gang re-forms

EXCLUSIVE BY JONATHAN CALVERT

THE notorious Paedophile Information Exchange, a sinister gang of child sex offenders, has secretly re-formed.

Police believed they had smashed the group after a series of high-profile prosecutions in the mid-Eighties. But The Express can reveal that the same members are back together and posing a new threat. The 200-strong gang now operates under the title GWAIN which stands for Gentlemen Without An Interesting Name.

It regularly holds clandestine meetings at homes and public halls and runs a worldwide e-mail network known as the "berrylist".

Members also receive legal advice and discuss methods of spreading their philosophy advocating sex between adults and children. Police and customs officers are investigating,

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Phillip Hodges: The judge recommended he serve a minimum of four and a half years

Judge John Griffith Williams QC recommended he serve a minimum of four and a half years before applying for parole.

Judge Williams also ordered Hughes to register as a sex offender, telling the sobbing teenager he had committed 'acts of evil wickedness'.

Hodges, who stands more than 6ft tall, was too young to appear in the dock. He sat behind his barrister, flanked by his mother and his stepfather.

'These offences, along with the clever cunning you showed and your clear lack of remorse, lead me to the conclusion that you are a dangerous young man,' he added. 'You will remain a danger to young girls.'

Judge Williams decided an order preventing the boy from being named should be lifted. But lawyers for Hodges – who turned 16 the day after sentencing – challenged the decision.

The teenager's counsel, Gregory Treverton-Jones QC, described the boy as 'polite, ordinarily kind and gentle and from a loving home'.

Hodges was due to take his GCSE exams next summer and was expected to do well. He had no previous convictions.

But on Tuesday, Mr Justice Keith, sitting at the High Court in London, ruled the legal challenge had no prospect of success – meaning Hodges could be named.

A neighbour said: 'Everyone feels very sorry for the girl and her family but also for the boy's parents.

'They are caring people and it must be a nightmare when your child commits such a dreadful crime without any warning signs.'

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Fury over danger men free to prey on children again

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but their efforts are being thwarted by the gang's use of computer codes to conceal child pornography.

A high-ranking police source said: "Their knowledge of computers is so sophisticated that they are using codes which are up to military standards."

Members include a university lecturer, teachers, clergymen, and other professionals.

Police believe they pose an even greater threat than before because they are more organised and have a better understanding of the laws against child sex.

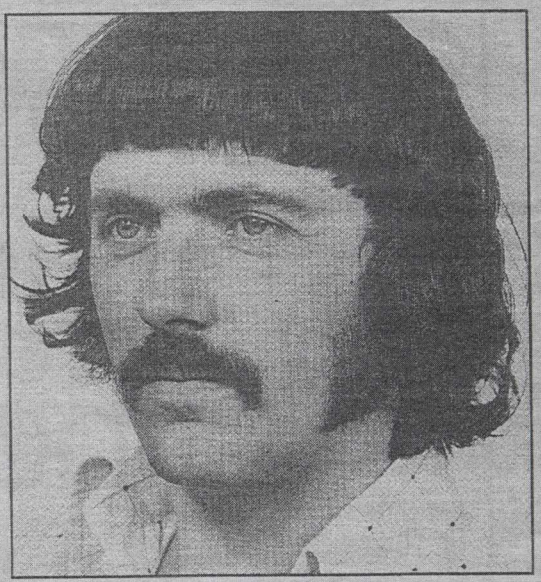
Jim Reynolds, former head of the Paedophile Unit at Scotland Yard, said last night: "These are evil people. They claim they are emancipating children by advocating child sex, but this is a classic justification for abuse."

The group's secretary, Ricky Turner – code-name "Eagle" – was arrested last week by detectives on suspicion of raping a 10-year-old boy.

He was freed on bail and is due to report to police in May. Turner runs some of the gang's meetings from his home in Sutton, Surrey, which customs officers have raided.

Another ringleader is the Rev Michael Studdert, who was forced to resign from his job as a chaplain at a boys' prep school in Berkshire in 1988 for possessing child porn. Studdert paid boys in Italy to let him take indecent photos of them while he was on holiday.

The group is also in contact with Tom O'Carroll, 52, founder member of the PIE who worked as a press officer at the Open University. O'Carroll was convicted for publishing a PIE magazine which encouraged child sex.



TOM O'CARROLL: Founder member of the PIE

Another shadowy figure who has re-joined the group is Richard Travell, 39, a vicar's son, who was convicted of importing child pornography in March 1996 and jailed for six months.

Peter Bremner, 60, a one-time hospital technician and member of GWAIN, was given a six-month sentence in 1984 for sending by post a PIE magazine containing an indecent article.

One member of the group is believed to be a woman who has professed an interest in girls aged seven to 11.

The Express has seen a dossier of e-mails that members have sent to one another. In one message O'Carroll wrote: "However confident we may be in the blamelessness of our relations with children, none of us can assert our identity, or just 'be ourselves', without having to worry about being associated with murderers and rapists. There are no doubt some who will find the struggle to maintain their integrity just too hard: they will decide if they cannot escape being cast as murderers and rapists, what's the point of playing by the rules? Why not live up to the image?"

An Express investigation has established that GWAIN has links with similar groups in the US and Britain. Last October representatives met other paedophiles in Athens. A further meeting is planned later this year in Barcelona.

Secretary Turner last night claimed the gang was merely a discussion group. "We monitor the newspapers and meet on occasion to look at the various cuttings.

"The panic about child abuse amounts to a phobia. The entire world has gone psychotic."

●*Additional reporting by David Connett and Lucy Johnston*

Daily Mail 8/11/3

Arrest breakthrough in hunt for two lost boys

By **David Wilkes**

A MAN has been arrested in connection with the disappearance of two boys nearly seven years ago, it was revealed yesterday.

Best friends David Spencer, then 13, and Patrick Warren, then 11, went missing from their homes on Boxing Day 1996 after saying they were going to play together.

It was initially thought they had run away. When they failed to reappear a massive search was launched.

Their faces were among the first to be printed on milk cartons in a nationwide campaign by the National Missing Persons Helpline.

But there has never been a confirmed sighting of the pair, who lived with their families in Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham.

The arrest is the first in the case. It came after detectives traced an anonymous letter, received by them 18 months ago, to a wing at the city's Winson Green prison.

The arrested man, a 37-year-old who has not been named, is believed to have recently completed a sentence at the jail.

According to the mother of David Spencer, Christine O'Toole, the letter said the boys were buried in Woodgate Valley, Birmingham. However, a police search of the area, which included housing and woodland, recovered nothing.

Missing: Patrick Warren

The boys' families have always been baffled about why they should have run away, especially as they had enjoyed a happy Christmas.

Mrs O'Toole, 40, said: 'I still remember my last Christmas Day with David. I bought him a pool table and Paddy brought his new bike round in the morning to show him.

'They spent all day playing on that bike and eating the Christmas leftovers.

'They were great friends. When the police said they had arrested a man, I broke down and cried.

'I don't know how I'll cope if David is dead. He was a bubbly outgoing boy who was always cracking jokes.

'I just want to know what's happened to him. I would like to put him to rest because at the moment I'm in limbo.'

Mrs O'Toole, who has had a nervous breakdown, added that her life has been on hold since her son disappeared.

'It's been terrible. I haven't been on holiday or anything. I'm frightened to go out, just in case he phones me or comes back and I'm not in to greet him,' she said.

Patrick's mother Bridget Warren, 54, suffers from depression to such an extent that she can no longer talk about the case.

But Patrick's sister Tina Warren, 24, said: 'This is our worst nightmare come true.

'My mum's really shaken up. Everyone's tried to cling to a glimmer of hope, that's what has kept us going.

'I hope he is still alive but I just want to know. It's not knowing that's the worst thing.'

West Midlands Police said yesterday that the man they arrested, from Birmingham, had been released on bail while further inquiries take place.

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Missing: David Spencer, last seen aged 13

AP photos

Parents Donna Whitson and Richard Hagerman (far right) meet Monday with Jimmie Kevil, who witnessed the kidnapping of their 9-year-old daughter, Amber (above). Kevil grieved that he could not stop the abduction by a man in a black pickup truck.

Fear grips Texas town after girl's abduction

9-year-old grabbed while playing; it is her family's second kidnapping

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas—The streets where 9-year-old Amber Hagerman and her friends play were unusually quiet Monday. Two days earlier, they had echoed with her screams as she fought a man who dragged her into his truck.

The girl hasn't been seen since.

"The streets are always full of kids playing. They aren't now," said neighbor Bruce Seybert, whose daughter is in Girl Scouts with Amber. "This is their time to sell cookies. I can't go out and let them do that."

Amber was riding her bicycle near an abandoned grocery store two blocks from her grandparents' home in a working-class neighborhood Saturday when, according to a witness, she was snatched by a man who drove a late-model black pickup.

"He caught her right up under the arm," said Jimmie Kevil, a 78-year-old retired machinist who called police. "He pulled her off the bike, and the bike fell to the ground. I knew something was wrong."

Despite hundreds of tips, investigators have no leads, police spokesman Dee Anderson said, acknowledging that "as the hours grow, the concern grows."

It is a nightmare relived for Amber's father, Richard Hagerman, whose newborn granddaughter was kidnapped from a Ft. Worth hospital four years ago. The baby was returned hours later.

Police said they don't see a connection because the kidnapper in that case, a woman, is institutionalized.

Amber's mother, Donna Whitson, and her children are part of a WFAA-TV documentary scheduled to air Thursday about people who are trying to get off welfare.

Nann Goplerud, a WFAA producer, said there is no reason to believe there is a connection between the abduction and the documentary.

Officers are conducting door-to-door searches and checking known sex offenders and owners of black pickup trucks.

"I want to get out there and do something. I want to get out there on the street and holler, and holler for her," said Whitson, who is separated from Hagerman. "I know that's not going to do anything, but I just want her back."

Kevil choked back tears as he saw Amber's mother for the first time after the abduction, saying, "I couldn't do anything."

"You did great," Whitson said. "You did great."

Authorities and businesses have offered $15,000 for information leading to the arrest of the kidnapper. Fliers have been posted on nearby streets and handed out all over the city by neighbors and friends.

"Just drop her off. Let her walk home by herself," Whitson pleaded. "Don't hurt my baby."

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NEW JERSEY

Megan's Law rules modified to guard sex offenders' privacy

TRENTON—Acting on orders from a federal judge, the state attorney general on Thursday issued new guidelines to make sure information about sex offenders isn't disseminated as widely under the so-called Megan's Law.

The new regulations require anyone notified that a sex offender lives near their home or school to sign papers saying they will not disseminate the information. The judge who ordered changes in the law said sex offenders' privacy rights were being violated. Megan's Law is named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street from her home. Megan's Law categorizes convicted sex offenders in three levels, based on the perceived danger they present. For those deemed most dangerous, the law allows prosecutors to make public an offender's name, age and address, as well as their job and its location.

Acting on a class-action lawsuit brought by the state Public Defender's Office, U.S. District Judge Joseph Irenas in December said New Jersey failed to implement consistent standards on how notifications are conducted in all 21 counties.

Report: Barrington coach jailed for porn

A high school swim coach was i Lake County Jail late Wednesda arrested on child pornograph charges after police said the raided his home and found sugges tive pictures on his computer, Fo News Chicago reported.

Joshua Delcore, 32, coaches a Barrington High School and is di rector for the Barrington Swin Club, where he heads the swin group for girls age 13 and under.

Police said they found picture of girls ages 5 to 13 years old i lewd poses, Fox News said.

Delcore was held on $350,00 bond.

Cheryl V. Jackson

4/1/4 Sun-Times

San Diego girl's body found

An autopsy confirmed Thursday that the body of a child found by a rural road is that of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam, who disappeared from her San Diego home nearly a month ago. The cause of death was undetermined because of the body's decomposition.

3/12 Sun-Times

o bond in peeping tom case

A McHenry County judge Friday voked the bond of an alleged eeping tom charged with sexually saulting two suburban teenagers, eaning 32-year-old Dominick ode of Chicago will remain jailed til at least next month. Rode was harged last week in DuPage ounty with attacking two aperville teenagers after first eeping in their windows late at ght. Rode allegedly committed ose attacks while he was free on il after being charged last Octo- r in McHenry County with trying lure a 13-year-old boy into his r.

Sun-Times 8/2/13

Doctor charged with child porn

A Chicago pediatrician was indicted Tuesday on one count each of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Dr. H. Marc Watzman, 37, was arrested Oct. 25 after authorities said they found hundreds of images of child pornography in desktop and laptop computers in his apartment.

The indictment says Watzman possessed at least 1,000 images and 200 digital video clips of child pornography. It also accused him of receiving an image of child pornography in July.

State regulators have temporarily suspended Watzman's medical license. Last week a federal magistrate ordered him released from jail to his home under the custody of his father.

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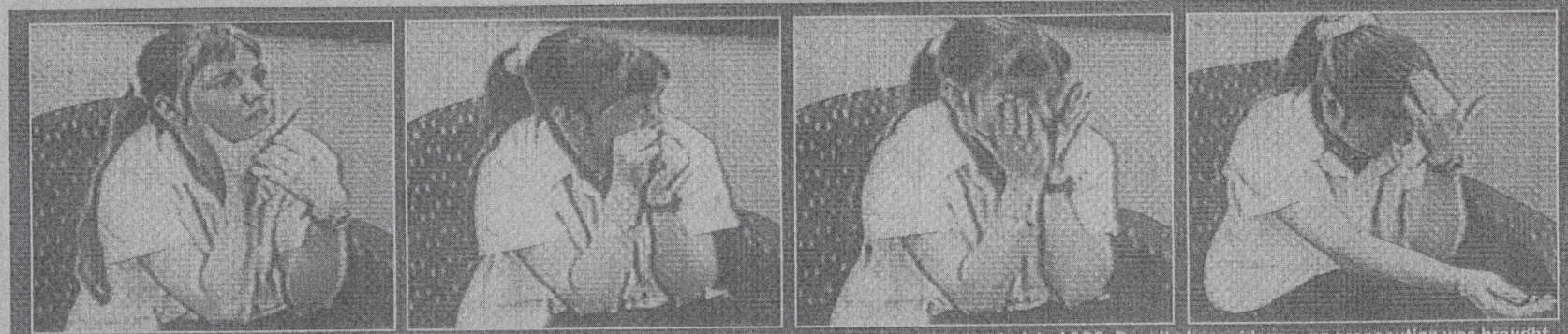
Seen for the first time, the dramatic evidence against Huntley that never went to court



TRAUMATISED: Hailey Edwards, aged 12, relives her ordeal at the hands of Ian Huntley during a police interview in July 1998. Despite her evidence, no prosecution was brought

On video: the harrowing interview that could have saved Holly and Jessica

By **Andrew Chapman**

SHE sits in a low chair, clutching her head and desperately fighting back the tears as she recalls the sickening sex attack she endured at the hands of Ian Huntley.

These are the first, disturbing pictures of the police interview with Hailey Edwards – an interview that could have saved the lives of Huntley's later victims Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.

During the interview, Hailey, then 12, recounts how Huntley subjected her to a violent sex attack in September 1997, five years before he committed the Soham murders that appalled the nation.

If Huntley had been prosecuted for the incident, he could have been jailed instead of being left to pursue freely his obsession with young girls, which ended so tragically in Soham.

In the police video Hailey tells how Huntley, then 22, lured her into woods to climb trees, subjected her to a degrading indecent assault, put his hand around her throat to prove how easily he could strangle her, and threatened to kill her if she told anyone what had happened.

After Hailey's interview, Huntley was arrested in his home town of Grimsby, Lincolnshire. But despite Hailey's testimony, Humberside Police chose not to prosecute, deciding that they had insufficient evidence and that it would not be in the public interest to proceed.

Yet when Huntley was interviewed over Hailey's allegations he was also under investigation for

'He held my arms and I screamed'

two rapes in Grimsby – and had admitted sleeping with several under-age girls after a school head teacher relayed his concerns to social workers.

Now Hailey intends to use the video in a private prosecution against Huntley after Humberside Police said they would take no further action against the killer, who is serving life for the Soham murders in August 2002.

Hailey is now 19, married with a child and lives away from Grimsby. She firmly believes that had Humberside Police prosecuted Huntley for his attack on her then the lives of Holly and Jessica would have been saved.

Indeed, Hailey's case is highlighted as significant in the Serious Case Review of Ian Huntley by Sir Christopher Kelly. He states: 'It appears to indicate a distinct change in his pattern of behaviour away from exploitative relationships with young women close to the age of sexual consent to a violent attack on a much younger girl.'

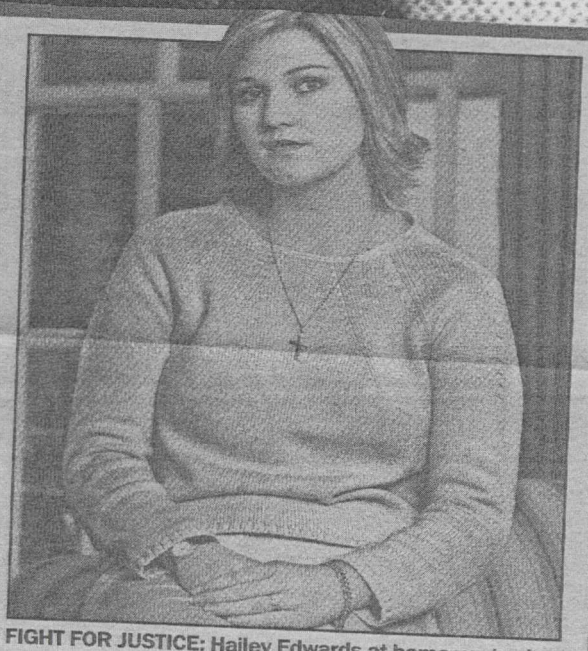
Hailey has waived her right to anonymity and has recently obtained a copy of the video, despite police telling her solicitor that it had been destroyed.

Speaking exclusively to The Mail on Sunday, she wept as she told how she watched herself as a child recalling Huntley's attack.

'I was a little girl who had lost her innocence,' she said. 'I was a broken child. Before Huntley attacked me I was a happy-go-lucky girl. Then I became nasty, horrible and vindictive.'

She began truanting and running away from home, started smoking cannabis and drinking vodka, and cut her arms with blades in despair.

In July 1998, almost a year after the attack, she blurted out what Huntley had done in front of a policeman who had brought her back to her parents after she had absconded twice in two days. 'I told police I wanted Huntley prosecuted so he wouldn't do the same to any other child,' she said. 'The system has let me down very badly. I could have sealed Huntley's fate, stopped him in his



FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: Hailey Edwards at home yesterday

'Huntley's fate could have been sealed'

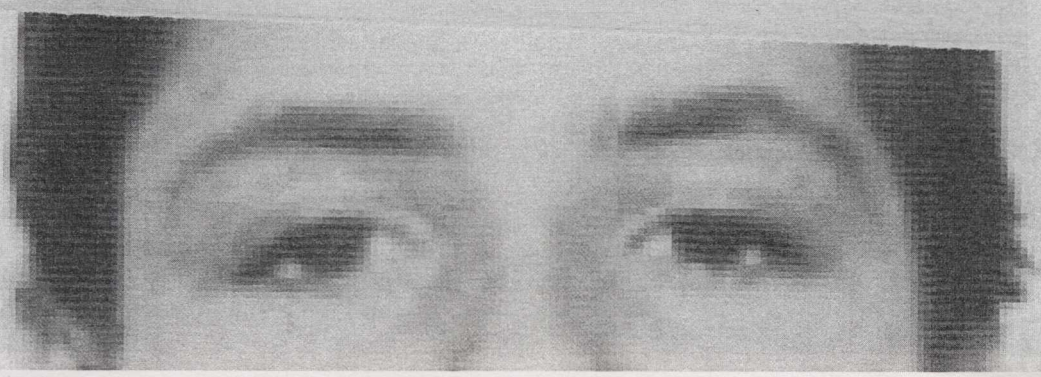
tracks. And that torments me. Because of police failings, he got a job as a school caretaker.'

On the video, a nervous Hailey said: 'He put his hands down my trousers and I pushed him away. He held me by my arms and I screamed at some builders but they didn't hear me.'

A Humberside Police spokeswoman said yesterday: 'Our decisions on whether to prosecute were based on findings from our investigations and still stand. We have no further comment to make.'

On Thursday, a High Court judge will announce the minimum time Huntley must stay in prison before parole can be considered.

● *Excerpts from Hailey's video will be shown by ITN tomorrow.*



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MICHIGAN

6 charged as part of alleged child sex abuse ring

YPSILANTI—As police investigated the possible sexual abuse of 15 children, six people were charged Thursday with first-degree child abuse for allegedly luring a girl into a filthy, roach-infested house and assaulting her.

State police investigators said at least five more people would be arrested on similar charges. They said members of the group had molested at least 15 children ranging in age from 16 months to 9 years.

One man, Harvey Santure, 31, of Ypsilanti, has been charged with eight counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a child under 13. He was arraigned on six of those charges Thursday and pleaded innocent.

Santure was denied bond and ordered to undergo a mental competency exam.

Five other people, including Santure's parents, also were arraigned on first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges. All the charges involve one girl.

State police investigators said that all six had lived in an Ypsilanti home, which sits in an otherwise quiet, largely tidy neighborhood west of Detroit.

Neighbors said that children were told to avoid the home, which they said was always a scene of activity with cars coming and going and people moving in and out.

3/20/99 Tribune

Teen admits guilt in death of 11-year-old candy seller

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TOMS RIVER, N.J.—A teenager pleaded guilty Friday to strangling an 11-year-old neighbor who came to his door selling gift wrap and candy for the PTA.

Sam Manzie, 17, appeared calm as he described in court how he choked Eddie Werner with a cord from an alarm clock for 40 minutes, stuffed his body into a suitcase and dragged it into the woods.

Eddie, who was in 6th grade, was hoping to win a walkie-talkie set by selling the most items.

His 1997 killing shocked the community and raised questions about the use of children for fundraising.

Manzie faces 30 years to life in prison at sentencing next month. In exchange for his pleading guilty to murder, prosecutors dropped charges that he raped and robbed the boy. Manzie had been scheduled to stand trial as an adult next month.

"Obviously, sitting in court and dredging up everything would be very difficult, hard for the kids, the family and his friends," said Eddie's mother, Valerie Werner. "I'm just glad we won't have to go through that."

Manzie's lawyers had planned to argue that Manzie, 15 at the time of the killing, had a mental defect that prevented him from forming the intent necessary to commit the crime.

Eddie was killed three days after Manzie's parents sought unsuccessfully to have a judge commit the boy to an institution because of erratic behavior.

Manzie also was involved with an alleged pedophile whom he met in an on-line chat room, the defense said.

INDULGING CHILDREN

I'd prefer to answer that this is was what happens while I masturbate. Pictures of children being barely forced to lay compliant. Needy man of enough age difference to suggest better intentions than irresponsible, primitive inarticulation. Run through a sedentary brain that stares at pretty pasty children, stripped to fuck and not, and worthless sexual loss.

I'm sure that I push forward a merely forgettable suggestion. An unacceptable, malleable reality. This is wished. While I pull off over someone sick's child or someone's pit infantilism.

I don't want to replicate mere experience. Capturing the essence or expanding the drama destroys the precious little lives that shouldn't be made simple or complex. You're not a dear mother talking before a camera. You're not a hard criminal or a swollen father who knows better. Or saw her more.

Did you do all of this because you remember what it was like to watch her laugh. It's almost too difficult for me to consider. It's gone too far and I don't know if I could handle what you've gone through.

I do remember what it was like. Yes, of course. But that isn't really what I was going for. You make it sound like therapy. As if I wanted to go deeper into the matter at hand but still retain an ancient personal insight from something no one else has experienced. How I came to create this shouldn't be important.

No one would let you do this if you weren't talking about something so few had had experience with.

Which, to me, means that no one will ever hear anything different than trauma filtered through cultural scripts written by emotionally confident shrieks. Pawers. If I said: Fuck getting better, fuck you and I'm tired of your condescension. It's only ever going to be treated as rage and a failure to deal healthfully with what happened by the people I do absolutely want to hurt and keep finally quiet. Ask me if I enjoy what I'm doing. You'll be stuck at arrogance and I'll only ever be deranged. Suffering. Deserving of your time.

Do you enjoy what you've done?

I want to be this mother. Childless. I want to make this from being a mother who was stupid before she did this.

Every time I see the actual product, I'm overwhelmed with how clearly cruel and old it is. I don't want to only read victim. It is the waiting men who it's cruel to. And of. The children don't matter. I can't add to that. It's the only sexual fact, demand, wish I know that doesn't turn admiration into disdain.

The prosecutor opens his mouth and utters truth, transient, that pornography is more damage than the gyp pictures in the news or his publicity can create. I don't want to tear his function apart to make an argument that blames him. I don't mean to be ironic and vague or look for greater desire in a lack of giving purpose or strained, confused, rutting lies. I can tell a man who looks for damage to find it in his head and in the pictures once coveted then marred by the stupidity of the parents who delivered better pictures. But I also don't want to help these men to stop what they're doing. I can't use the language anymore. Ineptitude and inherent desperation are hardly my worries. Especially since I'm struggling with a predisposition that'll twist everything wonderfully visual into either self-aggrandizement or denial and projection. I've selected the Wonderland case for as many specifics that I can entertain while insisting the conversation remain personal and selfish.

I want her to laugh. It could begin and end that way. The comments about her being bookended happy would be ignored.

Baby. My baby. Filmed eating from a garbage can. In a kitchen. Picked white and with just enough

nascent agency to hope that it understands the negligible distinctions between filth and comfort. Some dumb cuntlapper will insist that I've created a sympathetic point in taking the poverty from a larger capitalist, communal issue and infused race relations with a disturbing sense of inappropriate but unguarded sexuality. I have it told:

Take your t-shirt off.

And then get its little nipples painted in lipstick. Small delicate ticklish brushes and dabs rather than angry madhouse circles. This movie is for me. And the metaphors are psychologies I don't want to explode. I don't, for example, lipstick down a fucking arrow or scrawl toilet bowl words across tiny not all open just yet nudity. I'm not working with humiliation for a shocked audience. It's going to have to be anti-fetish as well. Which is very difficult.

So you tell it to pout. And apply the pink paint to her lips. And before she asks if it's okay, tell her to wipe it off. My pursed up stupid Baby. Give it a fucking Kleenex and move in for a close-up when completely shadowless clean. Now do the pout again. I suppose her eyes squinting from intense glare would be nice.

You think there's glass in there?

A broken lightbulb that I threw away the other day, I swear to fuck, I did not put in there on purpose. It might matter that it wasn't planned. Or better. That I tell it to stop rummaging when the forgivable sex becomes far more threatening and dangerous. Or the worry of having to fold in its bleeding face and neck so that I could rush it to an emergency room. Because I don't want it to die. Because I have a moral limit, a sympathy I couldn't denature, or I just want to keep doing this for as long and easy as possible. I don't feel especially close to the reasons most will want me to do this. I took the names away from all the adults talking about child pornography so that they'd produce direct, spineless reactions from me. I want them to become a single voice rather than reflect the guilt or prurience of all galled sides. Just the subject; the badly fumbled half-ideas more than self promotion or anguished reasoning. I don't believe any of them. More importantly, for me, is that I don't want to. I've simply lapped too long. The clippings retain headlines and dates because I stored them. Referenced them for decades. My own work doesn't need footnotes anymore. Precisely slobbed together as din. So it's not only, essentially, a comment on outrage or mission. It's mine. Mouths, primarily.

A rigid aesthetic that pounds every stupid fuck to sexual mulch. I see it, look for it, jagoff to it. The latter being the wrong thing to do, not just admit. Because it is exactly where disorder stops. Mud dried back to dirt. The parents and prosecutors repeat the same lines. Invalids settling for a nice crowd, the good job, a lifestyle, rather than the art. Any artist worth his keen time will suffer through a contempt for his audience. What is available in pornography, art, news is aesthetics beating the fuck out of the subjects.

Younger girls, of legal age but with large black marker X's on the back of their small hands. Putting them definitively in the less than legal drinking age. Who lift their shiny cleavage hugged blouses and drop their display blue jeans. And dance. And jiggle and rub. When compliments sink to requests. The fans for these films are not the young or fatherly attendant men they'll fuck. Off camera. The men they'll let sack all over them. On camera. Are the older, fatter, drooped men that define what they do. Ask them. The girls. The collegiate grease in bars. They despise or charmingly dismiss the mythic men who now get to see what happens when young college girls act their age. What do I care who gets a little pleasure from looking at me. Good that they can. It always comes down to something golden using the miller test. Or: Those guys are gross, I feel dirty, I was drunk. Wasn't thinking. And I don't regret a thing.

I want the men to be full of themselves. So full that they'll film themselves doing what looks repulsive to anyone else but the ones who side with the actors. A very brief fantasy that gives away to self-analysis without will, without any intention to change. Too stupid by count to think they shouldn't work out ways to steal.

I do have to explain to the parents and the governors what is happening to them. I absolutely want to. Explain aesthetics. Because they find god and justice and success. And the photos of their children are only bare when the crime is colored worse than what they're doing. She opens her mouth and tells you why she's here. And I'm not saying the right things. I could sell more. But it would be so much less than what I want. Which is to tell you. That pornography makes you ugly. Makes your bashful rates transparent and offers me no consolation or excuse as to what I'm looking

for. Doesn't excuse you either, mom. Or include in my company the equally grieving papa. The cows that tell you, a million times in a million places: I was young. I was glad I did it then. It's a record of a time. Don't know that they are receiving boundless retarded kindness. Though they beg for it. It's so difficult but important to explain. When they complete nothing. They achieve nothing. I don't care about the money or the mission or the confrontation. I see the children rarely. I see the child photos with all the family safety and nurture ideals constantly. I watch the women get old. I look especially hard to find the malevolence of men who don't know better than to insist. I put the words that I read on paper and see what it produces. I write through it and over it. Most often inside exactly what I looked for. With little or no revelation. I don't pretend that it's creating something different than my prejudice. Doesn't illuminate it, fix it, degrade it. Any of them. I don't need to cum anymore either. It's perpetual. And it's fine that you do this.

What made this ring so very different is it was real children, real active abuse of children on a global scale and the exchange of that material between the members. So it was very, very disturbing.

Not different, not real. There's a theme running through the backgrounds of my collection but it should be, exclusively, luckily, important to only those selected for inclusion. Whom I'll talk to. Otherwise, just see it as better than white. Since I didn't want the monologue to sound like I gave a fuck or that I needed to produce readable hints or worry about how fine the printing turned out. Just newsprint. With names all through the lopsided gossip. Little names turned hard and forgettable cops and wretched adult minders. Pop music designed for tweenie girls just into their wantsies. Karen Wootton as leitmotiv – her tortured delight in returning to her child's voice sadly less charming than teenmarket stars singing about true love and broken hearts. It is Wootton encouraging her local friendly pub to fucking slur along. Fat cunt shouting heart and soul micks. Wanting drink, sex, violence. She's on every fucked page. No matter who it looks like first and preferably.

What do you miss, you cunt. Cocksuckers quantify inadequacy. I'm so fucking tired of cocksuckers like you. What you do, and where you stop, is still poverty fucking forever. Good luck. I've read and kept every single one of these breathing books. Like all the daily reports and finds and misses. And I've yet to find one that describes the reality that you understand as evidence. Or support. Forward movement. I've yet to find one that makes what I do illegitimate. Every single sentence is lacking and frustrating and uglier than the details by far. I've seen what I do turned into broadcast psychology and police reports with mock parental outrage. I can't explain myself any longer. Not to reality fucking lumps. Find one:

The first thing anyone does when they get online is go looking for the porn, it's just one of those things. And I found that fairly easily and within 24 hours I'd found the child porn as well. I didn't expect to find it at first, I thought well it's an urban myth, it's just something you hear about on the news and there it was, it was sitting in front of me.

You're such a good girl –don't you hate being told that all the time? Don't you just want to be bad? Do you want to be a little bad girl once? You should be a bad little girl.

You know what we could do now? Let's be bad. Really fucking bad. You could swear. Do you know any bad words?

Call it a cunt.

There's no such stupid baby words like: Pee-thing. You're a fucking bad girl. Screw up your face and get mad at everybody. Put all that soft grownup bullshit inside you and make a cute little angry face.

Clench your fists.

Say it's a cunt. Say: Cock.

Be a pig.

Act like a big mean pig. Make a pig face. Open your mouth and make a pig sound. You're a fucking little filthy dirty pig. You fucking hog.

Slob pretends to imagine her not fat yet welfare self too young to remember what a fucking camera was. This monster, who wore a hidden camera when she went back to her stepfather's

hovel, describes the incidents that brought her to me without a shred of decency. Like some toddler dressed in high glitz by her grandmother, this time finding special game in being a mother, she recollects as if she's unaware of every one of her decisions to talk. It's not for more sympathy, is it? You wouldn't dramatize what's so clearly explicit. What everyone needs to hear again – all that fuel befuddlement that's so incredibly vicious in your psyche. Fuck me, you aren't still looking for protection, are you? Not the way you look. Not now. Take me back to what you weren't wearing on the table. Tell me a different way about your little skinny legs splayed and held that don't make me see you doing it now, all the cellulite bunched up and breading out. It wasn't for cum. It wasn't for animals. Tell me that. It was because you were who was available in that group. Your bad luck. A response you provoked.

Would you like to see a photo, so you could see what you look like.

The baby says: yes.

Can I show it to other people.

No.

You'll ask later. You'll be bored and want some attention. You'll hear something that either reminds you to play or you'll want to draw the conversation to flattery. You'll ask me to show the pictures to the adults around you while you laugh loudest. You'll be the completely different version of embarrassed, you'll no longer be shy or ashamed, you'll be proud of the fun we had. You'll wish you could do it again.

You're silly, aren't you. Was it fun being bad?

You remember when you were being a little piggy? You're too old for that now, aren't you? And you won't want to be.

Pull down your pants and show me your pig part. You fucking know. You fucking know what a pig is. Make a pig face. Show me with your nose. Come here and be a filthy little fucking pig. You fucking pig. You fucking ugly pig.

You like it when you're cute or a piggy? You like to be called pretty. Don't be pretty, be a piggy. Point.

I had people I could talk to. I had people that I could trade images with as well. But I had friends. I'd never had so many friends. I had friends all over the world.

Propagates filth. Recreated language to include only yourself. Your idea of how a desperately oafish self twists what they want from you from sickness. How do you see what you've really done. What sort of hog wants only this. What word would you put before pig to adequately describe what little you need. How that changed. When. What you've decided is important. Enough to fucking do this but again and again. What is best forgotten.

The child knows that men fuck men. Sees men sucking off her stepfather. Describes it as a child seeing something like eating. Knows what happened fully well, seen those hard cocks closer as she droops her tongue up one. What kind of hog mimics such an act that caused such precious keepsake revulsion. The men I watch do the same. The women I pay to watch while they do it to me. The countless times, as an adult, aging far worse by years than experience, I've wanted and done the exact same thing. You take a fat jowly blotch of a female and you teach it two words: Consent and Disaster. You take the best section of the brain, feed it corn syrup, and then lay it spread apart to open on a table. Find out who taught it to remember and who taught it to say thank you.

I'm not the only pedophile who knows that the squeezed voices are the most attractive contradiction inside this crying blight. I listen to teens because they dance, not talk. I listen to adults and work out whether they're drunk or stupid, how silly their medicated damage sounds and how irritating.

You want to see them hurt.

And you try and trust that they can.

I've had to look at many of the images of children they collected. They are just too explicit, too distressing to show in their original state.

Exposes nothing. Closes nothing. Could have the happier faces completely covered. But I only see one single crime these days. The unique stories are huge piles of avoidance and bad lies and it's only the narrative that I've cobbled and chewed, running over them with their best bits pulled up above their baby faces and below their white knees. Name to a face and I put the story, the monotonous baby facts, over the perfect combination. I find the pictures of the poor little things appalling. Miserable to extend. It is shocking to me that all of these new wretches can do the following:

Share.

Trade.

Remember.

You'd be surprised at what you forget, I'm guessing. The gauze angels who need, or are forced, to talk about this material want me to know that they sleep very badly. They have bedtime nightmares and frequent enough shakes and real-time sex incidents where they become uncontrollable and insensible. They put an enormous amount of worry in dreams and tortured, frightened, hard to articulate, adjust and medicate time-outs. First. Fuck. I've tried to get over the photo I have of little Stacey Lawrence. Seems unfair to let her smiling cute capture peek out amongst the words that delineate all the others doing worse or tamer memories and eulogies. I prefer the pictures where I see more of her than not. Still, I think the idea is to obliterate her image with cheapest news. And yet I react more favorably to the repetition of her face over the course of the pages. I want to see her more and more. I don't care what start-up corporation wants to keep her covered in witless cigarette burns. I just as often think of a director with fine intentions and absolutely justified emotional reasoning and refuse to think it's all better to just see her little naked bum running away from the camera and the encore. I want to see it so much that I can barely think of anything else before it finally happens.

She called and said "I think you should talk to your daughter to see if she's been a victim". I said "Well, okay, I don't think so. I mean I'll let you know. I don't think so." And I honestly was just in such a scramble at that moment. It was unfathomable to me that there could be anything to it.

The disaster in degrees that happens against every adult who prays that it won't. Life doesn't happen from pictures and sex is finite in what it should be, stupidly what is wanted, and never actualized. The few men who are recorded making pigs of themselves on the bodies of many more small exposed and penetrated children – sensualist niggers apologizing for being dogs – are representative of much more than just the middling act performed or the fantastical arguments of those tiny limbs and wherewithal and eyes staring underneath the momentary or consistent bulk. The fucked who argues about innocence and horror washes in the ugly footage of herself, rerouting the modeling captures into human rather than discursive aesthetics. Yapping aesthetics. Should make you think differently of yourself first. Your make-up application. You protect nothing. You don't have to find the pictures appealing. There's nothing to admit, no shame, no lasting or forever changed delight. No philosophy that unites care or compresses need. This I know more certainly than any other lament: Whatever siphoning damage is contained in the photos of children getting fucked and twisted is immediately charged to any other picture.

You don't have to fuck anything. You should forget it completely.

So we brought her in and talked with her and she just crossed her little arms and said "No, no, no, I'm not a victim". And I said "Do you know what molestation is, do you know what a victim is?" You know, because at that point I was shooting from just a blank space. I didn't have a clue, because we never think it's our child, never.

I don't bother with much else. Nothing else seems to occupy the same amount of space in my body. Everything important, personally, that I brain and creep about, stemming from the manner in which the information is imparted, couched, sold reiterates the hatred that should be in my inconsequential way. We have different versions of pathetic. The childish thoughts and subtext fantasies stay impossible, drones out the contempt which barely outlines details in vigilante speak. I don't know what their job is. Mine is pathetic and contrived and damaged unnaturally.

I watch heaving men wait for nothing. Crowd around measly sex that happens rarer than you'd expect for talk. Gawk and rub and try to find a friend who'll believe their significance. They snort like they belong there when present and ignore it when not. I've picked the smaller clippings that should embarrass someone my age. I tried not to select them too carefully. Just centered enough onto a scanner so that they don't come off as extra precious or factually linear. The narrative forms appropriately from singular focus and good luck. All too often, the images that I'm supposed to cover become important and I place fewer cuttings than I probably should have. I'd rather they not be seen as finished compositionally conscious pieces, certainly not for sale or display, so they only exist as a sensible long-winded book; scans done where I couldn't even see the work until the jpeg was finished.

Nothing else. I've always thought that no matter what I write, no matter that it is always about sex, the fact that I was using pinnable names made the work truly exist. Legitimatized the use of the word: true. Ruined the zeitgeist to qualify facts as mere or positioned. And made the appreciation of most everyone else's work quaint. Brave, slavish or terrified, no matter what I was either missing or fully aware of, I was wrapping it all around one little darling. The most exciting thing I can think of, in fact. Very often, the facts were wrong. The placement was exactly right. And since I got most of my information far further than secondhand, the facts never fucking mattered to real anything anyway. The little wonders mattered before the news was splashed over them. And I was only ever trying to get them to matter more. A true pedophile, I was always thought. I'm sure that I really do love all of them. I want so much for them all the time. Some will take that as snide but it has never been my intention. I so desperately want to see these black and white paper reproductions as vividly ripped apart and protected as every fucking mouth out there constantly barks back at me. I know why I pick the ones I do. I know who gives them to me. I understand how niggardly they are and why. And I wish it worked. When it does, even more.

I was taking some clothes into her room and I found her curled up on her bed and I knew, I knew at that moment, and I said to her... I said to myself, I prayed that whatever I do at this point please let me say the right thing.

Ideally, I'd like the child's words.

This is impossible.

The child has nothing. No words, no stories, no result, no fantasy blurred life to excuse yet.

Her complaints are selfish, perfect, unformed and have to be pinked as innocent by the adults wanting her. From the first wide-eyed lesson to the first unprovoked repeat.

The paper edits are only ever about masturbation. I've created a monograph of limited masturbation. It is a homosexual work; every single clipping and photo background is my bore into old men masturbating onto themselves. Loosing themselves onto others. I've tried to pick out as many girls as possible. They receive more attention and the smaller boys are better when clearly feminine and largely impartial. They'll get older and bring this into where I'll find them acting like me and the men I watch incorrectly fill themselves while pulling themselves. Add them all up and I haven't picked one sensible argument in favor of sexual expression or unique sexual constitutions because I've yet to see one. These were compiled from print periods that kept to a pretense of news over self-celebrity opinion. The information was harder to get and the facts less amplified and ambitious though never more reliable, I'm sure. As my years went on and my focus never switched, I tended to put the specious and worthlessly verifiable facts to the side with little worry or consequence.

She revealed that this was in the middle of the slumber party. She had been pulled out of the party and taken into the computer room and she was molested and violated and raped online as it was being broadcast to Australia and Canada and Finland and places all over the United States. It was just devastating to me and I just sat there with tears just streaming down my face because I was barely beginning to absorb what had happened.

I've only ever wanted the pictures. It's more important to me than anything else that the world has to offer. I couldn't make a weighted argument for sensual anything. Listen to a faggot talking

about how he likes to get pissed on. How it's warm and bodily alive and essential. I've never minded. I want the context afterwards to be worth the time it takes to think it over and over again. I've seen ugly men accept ugly offers. I was correct.

Stored inside it I found an absolutely massive library of child pornography. More than 42,000 pedophile images. This was enormous, it was four times larger than anything I had ever seen before. What I also discovered was that Ian Baldock's computer had distributed 1642 images to 17 other Internet users in the six days prior to his arrest. This was distribution on an absolutely massive scale.

The children in my collection aren't harmed anymore. I tried to pick more child pornography cases than child murder cases but I'm unsure of what actually was created by quickly picking and placing whatever on the scanner. The parents and the caregivers and police minded can watch themselves here as well.

The main purpose of the club was the exchange of pedophile materials, pictures, movies, information and most appallingly of all – sounds, terrible, terrible sounds. But while they were exchanging the pictures they could sit inside this chat room and exchange information.

I had one say she was very frail. I found it among what had become countless amounts of baby and toddler and preteen squeals and noises. All the stutters and deep sighs and even the long pauses where I fret if they're becoming bored and it'll turn difficult to get more time out of them. The hisses don't happen enough. The anger that pushes their ages forward. The hideous deconstruction that insists on there being gentle truth in what is obviously impossible. It doesn't exist. They're too small and fucking squeaking.

But she said she was very frail and she needed some sort of real protection and concern from all those who listened to her descriptions. She was trying to talk past her interviewer. To someone who'd believe her finally, treat her much differently than those she was stuck with.

You shouldn't do this. I don't deserve it. You should be careful. Much more careful than usual, with me especially.

Talking was great. You'd make friends, and you'd say 'oh, I found this new picture, this great new picture' and they would say 'oh, what's it called' and you'd tell them and if they had it they'd say 'oh, we've got that one', but if they didn't then they'd say 'oh send it and we'll have a look'.

Others would say that you need help. That you're suffering.

They're correct. They have no help to give. That's not jaded. I've learned a great deal. You can't deny that. I've been doing this for longer than most of the audience has been alive. There is a necessity in what I do and I do understand that it could cause me to accept that it is insatiable to disastrous result. It's not keeping it in check. I do not see what I want to see. More to the point, what I see is not something that I feel. I put the towel over her head to keep her dark. Let her think the way adults want to. Sensation and biology. I swear it's only working on children. A finger would fit, so would anything else. The pain she'd feel and then get over is always going to be described more graphically. The mentality it takes to fantasize it more meaningfully is left to the adults. It's sickening. Don't you think?

What makes you think what you want is necessary?

Constitutive desire. Displacement. Schizophrenic retrogression. I only mix what I'm looking for and the guarded, judicious way I receive it. I'm talking to myself until I put it in a small public setting.

People don't realize that these images are not just children undressed, romping about on a beach. These images are absolutely hideous on some occasions. The abuse these children have suffered, the worst kind of possible abuse you could imagine.

No sympathy for the twisted nothing better. At least I find the lack of make-up more attractive than the ones clouded in it. Not for the nature creeping in where it shouldn't fucking belong. This

little one, with the face that keeps changing, most often getting smaller and less discerning, doesn't realize that we're being generous.

I have seen images that are the most horrible – children in nappies being abused; people committing vaginal and anal rape on children as young as six and nine months. These people are serious sexual offenders.

The father of a small beautiful girl whose abducted body was never found rereleased the pictures he had taken of his baby when everything was potentially explicit. He had first given photos to police when she had gone missing and they then gave them to the press. In effort to find everyone's child. The second time he gave away photos he was able to have copies made. The first time he couldn't. He now wanted to redress what happened to him. By finding an art space that would be sympathetic to what he was thinking, hoping that they'd be as interested in the publicity and commercial value of his situation as much as the daily dread and rolling blind hatred he lived with. The money he would take from the gallery sale of his child's stopped age photos would not be used to further any charities or help print more useless posters of his missing child. Won't discuss money in any other way. Will not enter into the public desire for selflessness and wanted to see the storefront filled with personal photos of his baby. Wanted the images to be something other, something much more, than examples of the repulsive talk that promotes damaged purity and hope. I'd be very interested in selling these photos now. I'd like to sell them as original one-of-a-kinds. Whether or not I kept the images could only mean something to me and fuck you for asking. The fact is, I did. But it could well be that I'd like to retain the intimate idea of the work. Maybe do another collage after the fact. A monograph of what I sold and what the language behind the pieces were. The people who buy the originals should have copyright this time. I'd like to see what they do. Where they hang them and paste them and distribute them. They'll always have my name on them. They'll always be part of the story of a sweet little girl. And I've thought about interviewing the purchasers of these remarkable photos. To see if they fuck up my intentions. See how wrong they get it. I'd turn off the camera if one old bag starts off that they're records of pain and confusion. Of course, I'd like to hear that many of the patrons thought she was cute and pretty. That she could have grown up to be quite remarkable looking. Mainly because I just want that discussion focused on the guesses of what she'd look like, knowing that you'd sound like an asshole to say I'm sure she'd have done great things. She was taken by someone that needed the way she looked and my interest in photos has changed. Why shouldn't I insist on that for all the others bothering me with bottom rung succor that only sounds polite and sweet but is truly sickening to me. I know how I look at the pictures. And I would rather not be steering the conversation back to my disgust over the way I've been handled or what I've gone through. I'd like to keep it away from some sort of political gloat that pricks apart the price and the careful marketing decisions. I'd like you to understand that I'm keeping back some pictures of her. But I'm going to sell them after the first batch is gone. You'll have to wait for the bathtub pictures. They're incredibly explicit. As much as a mother and father could take, of course. But I'd like the excitement to grow for these special shots. I'd like to think that some people will start with the smiling and laughing and sexy pictures and then finish off the small collection with the nude shots. They were taken by me. They mean a great deal to me. They can mean just as much to you.

People would message me who I didn't know, I'd never met before and they would say 'Trade?' and that was it. If you wanted to trade you would send them some pictures, they would send you some.

Sexually explicit images of children?

Yes.

Illegal images?

Yes.

To most people.. to all people indeed morally wrong.

Well if that's how you choose to look at it, yes.

The mother told the police that she wanted to interview pedophiles for a book she was writing on, first, how to protect your children from sexual abuse and, second, the incredibly difficult journey she had to live through as the mother of a child that had been murdered by just this sort of desperate scum.

What I found was that every time I thought that this had been clearer to me, I wasn't treating the subject properly. It does demand more respect. The thoughts are ugly and I wanted to see that replicated in some even uglier way that could only attempt and ultimately fail to explain the many violent thoughts that – didn't necessarily torture me – but obsessed me. As it did the man who could do this. To my baby. And me. And to a far lesser degree, the fingerfuckers and tonguedarters who'd pay close attention. I thought about filming them masturbating. Without any photos. Just images running behind their closed eyes. Then I figured that they may want to look at me. And that maybe I should show them my tits or turn around and spread my naked ass open. Thought that I could give them handjobs as they stared at me or I could suck on them. They'd expect me to spit their cum back or bark at them that this is all that they wanted. That maybe I should cry and pinch my nipples or move a chair to the far end of the room so that I could spread my legs as far apart as possible and let them look at someone who'd do that for them. Let them fuck me. Spit and piss on me. Call me names or even apologize while they still got hard and able to fuck a woman instead of a man that might be available to them in the corners of the jail. I didn't want to reduce what was going on to their cocks like the harlequin prayers that get written with every single other missing child. And I didn't want to look like I was self-immolating or taking on the part of a character that had been fucked and toileted by them in metaphor. I didn't want them to explain themselves to me. That's only what you tell morons to let you in. I didn't really care what they had to say as individuals or as a larger repetitive group. They only repeat what they've learned from the demographic that has already made me sick.

She went round for tea and stayed the night now and again, and that's how it started off. He was a real nice man. It was just the way he just made her his best friend type of thing, and she felt special to him. They just made it up as games and she liked playing games.

I couldn't just paint huge portraits of my baby. That was the original idea. I wanted them to be monstrous canvases that, after I'd carefully, lovingly painted all the right colors and lines and shadows of her baby face, I'd rip apart and paste together again. Then, over the lumps and tears and shreds, I'd repaint the portrait even more carefully and elegantly. The damage would show through, I'm sure, but it didn't have to. I'd know it was there. And I would know what would have happened when I was doing each part. Loving and rendering the picture. Talking about my baby. Then tearing her face as if I was attacking her, hating the idea and the person who she was – that she had done this to me – in what creeps would call misplaced and tragic rage. Then rebuilding the idea to make it look as if it never happened or to play up the concept that I've remade my life. Trying to come to terms with the constant reality but never forgetting what viciously happened or the ultimate failure to ever become whole or pure again. Honestly, I thought about asking pedophiles to write about her or draw her. And then I'd paint her from their thoughts. But the humiliation aspect would be impossible to vault. They're generally not very intelligent. And even that sounds bitter. The counselors are far dumber. Worthless, in fact. I know this: I didn't want to leave it alone. I wish I could convince someone else to do it.

She phoned me saying she's staying with him and she's not coming home. She loves him. She loves him more than me and that's it. So I said no, you've got to come home. You've got to come home.

I asked the cops if I could see the footage of others. I knew they'd thought they went through hell when telling me about what had happened. So I wanted to see it happen to someone else. See

how bad it could be, see if it could be somehow exciting. I didn't need to test their veracity; their patronizing, greeding talk. I'm sure they believe it and it's just too easy to say on the surface. But if I could see in the material what had happened to others, backwards happening to my baby, then I could tell these guys that I needed to get as black and polluted as possible in the horseshit way they'd have to trust me.

What I liked was being asked questions. Being allowed the chance to explain what I was dealing with, without it getting lost in all the possible translations of sorrow and sensible learning. What may be worth telling those who need to understand the horrors of everything all the fucking time, is the high ratio of cunnilingus. These men, the limited amount that I'd been allowed to see, wanted to lick the vaginas of these small girls. I was told that there would be even more if the threat of arrest and the stupidity of filming themselves didn't make the act almost impossible to document. So what you end up with is even more images and footage of men that would look like they're stupefied by small childish, and by extension, adult sexual organs. When, in fact, they're stopped by fear and instead film and trade just what they're seeing as if they're just about to lean in and lick up and all around an unfocused child. I asked the officer if the children looked like they enjoyed it. And although he answered that it was hard to tell and terrible to think about but, yes, some did. Only possibly or against their will or tragically perhaps. After-all, so many small girls rub themselves with pillows and armrests and toy plush dolls. I hoped he would have asked me: Would you. And I could tell about each and every time it came to mind. When I wanted it and when it felt especially good.

She just said "He's touched my tuppy mum". I just asked her when, where. She just said "In his bedroom when he was taking pictures of me."

I kept looking at pornography. Wanted to see as much as I could. I'll tell you how it started but it shouldn't be a precondition for understanding what I'm talking about. I'd like it to get beyond a memorial. I'd like it to extend into another subject entirely. I saw the pictures that were taken of my baby. She was sitting on a chair. Completely naked, leaning back into the back of a wooden chair that was depressingly too big for her. I worried about that too. But she had her little legs raised up and her palms under her thighs and she was spreading as wide as she could. I'd never seen her like that. I've seen her face. Still see her face. Everywhere. And then I'd found that I remembered little else than this picture. It replaced all the other pictures I'd seen and wanted to cherish. It really, no matter how you paint it, is a terrible picture. Because, if nothing else, what happened after the picture was taken. It points to something I can't – literally – touch any more. And it won't go away. Like I think might have happened if I hadn't seen that particular picture. But I saw pictures of young adults doing the same position in pornography. And I started to find and ask favors from women that would do this position for me. Wide open vaginas, shaved, all sorts. I wasn't going to stop. I didn't think I should. My daughter didn't require it of me either. There's no guilt or shame. I know what it's like to feel myself getting hard, thinking about it. And having the spread out hogs watch me as I get hard with my hand. Or often harder. And then fit it inside them. That's what I like the best. Sliding it in slowly after seeing it stretched open and wide. I tell them to close it. But keep your legs wide. Throw a shirt over your tits. Put a towel over your head. Don't talk, don't tell me that it feels good when it stops at my pubic hair. I pay extra so that I could take pictures of them. I do more now as well. Move the framings to their bellies. Stick your ass up. I don't see what I say as close enough. I don't honestly think she was crying. She wasn't in the photo. She seemed willing to do that. I pay these ones. I tell them afterwards and they act like all the others but I don't give a fuck. I could tell them beforehand. They repulse me more with what they're going to act like rather than what they're doing. But I do feel more revulsion than appeal. I'd hope it isn't a coping mechanism. I'm perfectly in control of myself and I only take advantage of what is available, I know I'm not asking anyone to do something that is impossible. It just seems very important and then completely different to everyone else.

He was very important because, he wasn't just a member of Wonderland, he was an abuser in his own right and he had images of himself abusing children. So he immediately assumed a very high notoriety within the group.

Is it necessary that every artist be a parent of a missing or murdered child?

No. I don't think so. I think it's better when they're not. I'm often struggling with the idea that I don't know what it's like. I'm sure that struggle is negligent. They repeat the same fucking things as the rest of the group and I don't think it works. That I don't think it works is the important part.

They don't know what you're going through either, right?

It doesn't matter. They don't have to.

Who are you talking to?

I'm fine with talking to other pedophiles. I'm not selling what they want. I think the market most likely sits with the people directly involved. Parents, especially. I'm absolutely certain that I'm right but all available evidence points to the contrary, I'm afraid. Let it be that I'm still so fucking wrong, then, fine. I'd rather not hear what they have to say anymore, anyways.

You have an open mind though, yes?

Doubtful. Fuck, I flatter myself that I listen harder than most. I don't believe something is missing. Something essential.

Is it a fetish? A fantasy that won't dissipate?

I suppose he was considered a hero. Somebody who was standing up for what the group believed in, who wasn't just mouthing it and saying it, he was actually doing it.

There's two facts that I cling to. Such is my level. So many images were required to join the Wonderland club. These men, who are often erroneously reported as widespread, had thousands and thousands of images saved. They had to prove themselves to the group of like-minds to get even more. I like the fact – and that is a fact – that they were spending such a great deal of time and mental anguish collecting and sifting through every available option to simply produce more and more images in cache. They weren't doing much more. The few that molested children are less important to me. Naturally, there'd be some. But the greatest numbers were just watchers. They had found these.

The second pivot is the audience for the confessions of the children's parents. Or the audience for the news that specializes in this sort of information. The emotional demanders. The level at tabloid. The brandname superstars are pictured most often and in better color with more text in ready magazines sold at supermarket checkouts and on TV channels that advertise cheaper, homey, sucker services and goods. The newscasters are cartoon vigilantes and crying empathizers. Bad overeager actors patronizing a worse house.

We worked out a technique where we could actually watch them live on the Internet. So we were sitting very quietly and watching them coming and going into gang headquarters. As they were in effect coming passed us, they couldn't see us, but we were able to back track and find out who they really were.

Haleigh probably wasn't molested. This is important to someone like me. I tape show after show, almost always quick shot talk shows masquerading as breaking news, and I have hundreds of hours already. I like the bikini shots. But the soap opera around the case tells me that she wasn't raped. And the context is just white trash Florida after awhile. No problem. The words and images roll on and I couldn't bear to miss all the important details. About what happened. These talking heads, this isn't an excuse, are the adults I look for. This is all contemporaneous. It doesn't have to be all sex. I'd rather not confess to finding them attractive in the lowest sense. I don't, frankly. I've jerked off to all sorts of things. It hardly matters that I should pick one example out unless it's a problem

favorite. One that I can't get over in a sense. More and more of the same. The idea of searching for better looking, worse treated, even closer replacements. Is nothing when compared to finding something you like and still moving on to more. Just in the numbers. It's all easy to forget until you simply can't. They're not even small changes, no matter how colorfully dedicated your attention span is.

It's not enough to know that there's somebody on the Internet at a particular address. It's important that our suspects, we were able to show through surveillance, were at home when the Internet was being used.

I decided to put footage together of just the parents crying. No selling, no preaching, no lessons being taught unless they came from someone that basically had nothing to say and was only coping with that realization mid-stream. I could have picked them from all over the place. Stemming from any number of smaller recorded tragedies. I had absolutely no interest in any other news. I can make arguments for others' intentions, and how I get lucky when something special wears the wrong lack of clothes or something that doesn't fit quite right, but it all comes back – even that – to these bawling elephants.

Ian Baldock would travel on his bicycle and get a train into his place of work. We were able to monitor his movements at that place of work, and when he came out from work we would take him back home again and could ascertain that he was actually using a computer at work and at his home address.

Baldock was rearrested a few years after he early released from his Wonderland sentence. His name was found in the searched files of a new KP arrest; David Ward. Baldock had accessed child pornography using the computers at the law firm he had employed to defend him in his first case. These lawyers, knowing that Baldock had a thorough knowledge of programming, asked him to do some freelance work on the firm's computers. Baldock eventually started to use the firm's systems to download KP. Did the lawyers actually believe the shit they told the courts on his behalf. And was there anything else that was ever going to be as good in Mr. Baldock's life as this material.

We never saw him associating with anybody else. He used to go to cafés on his own, he used to go to bars on his own, and when he went home he never came out again in the evenings.

There's a knot that I'm never going to get untied. That is, as long as the show is louder than me. The pornography that is made by the parents that molest their children is a very different sell.

They don't know what you're going through either, right?

Parents. Unselfish parents might. They're the only ones. I've done so much.
I made a mistake equating the pictures, the worth of the pictures, to masturbating. I did take them with me. They became a life. I'd like to keep it that way. One does do this. Makes them last as long as it can. It doesn't just happen. You create a life. You aren't given one.

Oh it's great the Net – its so fast. Everything is moving. There's always a software update you need for some of the programs on your computer or something and there's always a new game that you've got from somewhere or new pictures to trade or... It's wonderful. It draws you in, it sucks you in. It's a whole world in itself and it moves so fast. That's part of the attraction of it for me.

It's soaked in sympathy. It's vulgar, sickly past common. You'll see that if there's a side taken. It's that of the mother. Looped mental illness on physical repugnance. Crippled, attendant, crawling feedback that ends at, rather than starts with, sick adults intoning what the child feels like when it should be hurting. Why do you hurt her? How can you do that – how can you want to do that to her little body? What are you looking for, missing, needing? What could fuck you up so badly that you don't recognize the intense damage that you could cause with a leading erection and a clean

body. Believe in innocence and sacrosanct beauty. Even worse, she didn't deserve to be treated that way when all she wanted was a cuddle or anything at all to save her, teach her, protect her, give her, stroke her calm. The spoilage that I smell inside a lumbered bellied beast laying flat on his back in the darkest part of a public bar while some pale faggot with his mouth all wet and obscured sucks on the exposed thick cock barely eked over fatty thigh. Faggot yanking on his own dick, fatpig lifting his own t-shirt to his neck so he can pinch both nipples instead of just one for once. Failures, the voice that sells the innocence back to child molesters and protectors alike. The clippings that I collect and distribute as child pornography, not frightened second-best surrogates but more real than the quick films and longer minutes, I swear, are a direct, immediate product of exactly this perverted brand of thoughtless conversation.

Innocence transmogrified into oralism in every single response. Slobbering heft wiping up dependence. It is this definition of love that correctly draws up men to suck on smaller and smaller children. Knowing it rather than thinking it.

What does this want from you?

What did it feel like?

What were you looking at?

What's your fucking self-esteem problem?

The childish men who would rather find children since their fear of adults are overwhelming. As has been described to you. Listening like a child yourself. Which inadequacy do you suffer from now. How fucking crippled are you willing to make yourself, champ.

I told my son that he should film himself every week. Hoping that it would go on for decades. I told him that the only way he was going to get the help I couldn't provide was if he just talked to the camera on his computer in his bedroom. He didn't know he would need help. I didn't even believe it at the time. You'll just have to get over this right now. Later, it won't matter unless you need it to. There's a language that he'd grow into. A psychology that would explain, decades later, what actually happened when he was raped at eleven years old. I wanted so many things to happen. But I really wanted, most of all, for it to be all him. Every week. Just talk about what happened and what you'd like to do however.

I was thinking that he'd start masturbating. Like so many young to grizzled men do. Insignificantly mottled women. Showing himself off as he grew through a puberty that started perhaps prematurely. I had fantasies of the boy creating illegal pornography. Choosing to masturbate to changing rages in front of the camera. Not just showing himself off and enjoying what had happened or the physical disgust that it could release and reproduce. I thought about giving him questions to provoke answers and spike the work into what I wanted to see. It would mean a great deal to an incredible turnout possibly. But it would have to be a collection of every scene spliced together. It had to be a finished, sexually tedious piece. A beginning and thankful end. Youth, new droop and psychotic fugues without the repulsive feedback and encouragement of those who queen support over taste.

It was a constant risk assessment. We would do it often, where we would analyze whether that particular person, at that particular time, had access to children; whether the intelligence picture around them made us believe it was such that we couldn't actually let them stay at large any longer.

Take a pull on your cigarette. Your baby was given one. Better than lipstick. You smoke like a girl, he was told. Suck it so hard that the end gets bright. Hotbox it. Keep sucking. The first time you smoke, your body rejects it. You get sick. You'll get better. Comfort yourself. Blow the smoke through your nose. Cough enough to bleed and soak your red eyes. You take a pull on that fucking thing and wipe your face and worry about your nice pink lips. You remember when you started. It isn't a fetish. It isn't a fantasy. It's a memory. You follow that forward. You see what you did.

There was a recorded conversation between him and Seagers where Seagers is discussing going down to a local swimming pool and in effect the touching up of 11-year-old girls in swimsuits, and Baldock is obviously very pleased about this from the conversation that they'd been having, and he encourages Seagers to continue and asks if he can get more information about this particular potential abuse.

It only ever feels like something worthwhile before his cock slides inside. Just at the close of my asshole. Push, before it becomes repetitive penetration. The filmed fact that I didn't close my eyes except when I decided I didn't want to see the dogs stare at me. Because they're still waiting and thinking this is uglier than what they'd do. The cum I take. The sucks I do on my knees. The bellied and azt sick slime that I jerk off as if I can do this for me, first, and them, without the fundamental derision. I've been spending my entire life looking for a sexual experience, rather than fantasies, of women like you crying. Just crying with specifics. Very important details that I list and have to have met.

They ruin it. Queer takes his slacks off, wears a white thickly bunched jockstrap under. You see so few of them undressing. The difference in size is astounding. The children are never as confused as I'd prefer.

You should make these decisions for them.

This is why I remember the first exposure, and wait and tickle and faggot shove, above anything else performed or finally entered. What happens mechanically, I could give a fuck about. It's a conservative plea. Simply paying a bill afterwards.

Gavin Seagars was fantasizing about the abduction, the rape, the torture and the killing of children. He was much easier to watch than some of the other members because his presence was almost constantly there on the Internet. I could see him a lot of the time – a very, very, very disturbing person to look at.

I thought I have to make this lazy. What's easiest to do. What could split the pursuit from the cause and the therapy. What could take the smallest amount of work so that I could do it for as long as possible. I couldn't let myself find better ways to learn. I didn't want to learn computer programs that would allow me to craft images that might morph the face of my baby with the faces and genitals of those that would like to masturbate on her body or that did. I found it difficult already to think my way through it, I had no comment, I wanted no purge or reality based time quotient. I could take cheap adult store pornography and slap my baby's face on it. Cover her with print erections and older larger male faces. I wanted the mindful tightness and the witnessed chubby thighs. I liked looking through all these girls and poodle ruts, looking for the one idea I had. I could turn them into something better. But it wasn't them or her. It wasn't all I could handle. I wanted to see what the animals wanted. I didn't want to see it go away or become sick of it. I didn't want to insult either of them. Because I liked looking, I was easily as compliant.

I had to connect deeply fucked-up idioms. I swallowed. I wanted the photos of my baby being raped out of circulation. I didn't want them to remain pornography. Somehow, I had to decide what the need for that was. And I knew that I couldn't do it publicly. I couldn't let the men who wanted the photos, have me giving them information that would increase the worth of the images. I couldn't give them biography. And I couldn't advertise, publicize the intense worth of the fucking pictures. I didn't want them to make her a star. I certainly wasn't going to help them. So keep my mouth shut. And then watch no one do their job. But these collectors, these pathetic imbecile jagoffs are quiet and hide like rats looking for garbage only at night. So few of the girls and boys are identified in the photos that stuff huge trucks and buildings with police files.

If at any stage he had had children with him on a one to one basis, or a two to one basis, then our instructions were that we were to arrest him.

She was wanted for what pornography is currently. Going back to language, critical thought, history will not work for me. It's not a debate. She was more than that and treated as less than. Pornography is not material that you only masturbate to or with. It isn't some magic nothing that you watch and cannot understand easily. The reality it is supposed to supplant or express insufficiently is wrong. I see her face on the covers of magazines and read the things she has said as if she represents something tragic or sure. I'll be damned if I'm going to add that she was here every day and that is supposed to be too complicated for you to understand or comprehend. I'm not bitter. I want to see what she became. All she was good for in the end. Because there seems to be an end

that comes today, not when she was murdered, stolen, fucked and photographed. What I'm offered is chances and tips on how to sleep and how to resume a sex life. As if nothing wouldn't have changed, that I could minimize a damage that wasn't happening. The damage doesn't mean that the changes are universal. And it would be sick to go back to where I was only stupid. I see pornography as recordings of stupid people proving it. What I find is that I enjoy watching it that way. The talk that surrounds the advertising and the idiot yapping on the bonus features and the retards that sing about it or make lectures about it, trend compilers and biographers. Pretend to not want what is there. Prove how base you can be. You'll have to act. Take whatever they suggest and find something strong and good in your explorations. I like seeing hogs become the hogs they can pretend to be. They get nothing. And yet I'm supposed to want to be that. Again. I'm here to get better so that I can experience that in the simple, ridiculous, insulting way I used to. When I wasn't seeing my daughter every now and again. This is fine. I find it lacking. I don't need it, why the fuck should I want to create it.

Some of them travelled to his home address and were pictured sitting on his bed with the children – not in indecent poses but just so that they could get a buzz out of saying they'd met the stars of the movie. That's the sort of mentality of the people we're dealing with.

At the signature point she was only nine years old. And the evidence of having a towel placed over her small head while becoming a little less safe would be better than having to fantasize that she'll be different than the cherub voice that simplifies sex to self-congratulatory sharing. Fair enough, the father of three younger children than nine just as easily talked about his guilt and hated memories.

Why'd you put the towel over her head?

So she wouldn't know what was going on. What I was doing to her. Telling her I was cleaning her. That this was something only I could do for her.

To her?

With her. She couldn't see me that way. I didn't want her to look at me.

Such was your guilt? Your shame? I don't believe you at all.

Maybe I've seen a special look in my children's eyes and didn't want that to rip through what I wanted to finish.

I like to think that set you off. Recognizing what your children mean and what you wanted but not from them. Your job is to protect them, yes?

Please. After all these years of dealing with scum like me? You can't possibly believe that would have been a problem. Or not a problem – because obviously there's problems with what I wanted. But I grow up. Foresight is irrational. And emptied in a way that memories only – unfairly – teach you. You don't relive what you thought was more important. I don't know that it's an adequate excuse. Syrupy reasoning could be made much more compelling but I'm not sure why. I certainly have yet to hear it. It's unhinged every single time.

People were actively abusing children and producing pictures for others in the club, people like you.

That's not true, they weren't producing them for others.

But children were being abused to provide images.

There were some children... we just didn't see it as abuse. We saw it as there were some children involved in relationships.

But the idea that children could possibly want sex is totally abhorrent to everybody.

Not to us.

They want some monsters. They still call them pedophiles. Even the trained officials. They can't get over the nightmare sale and movies. If you watch pornography, you can see right away that the

clientele is not looking at women because they love women. They hate them. But, most important, they hate the women in pornography. It doesn't have to be gender based or general. All women don't do this. Men who fuck children hate children. They don't blend into society and then shake uncontrollably over the beauty of all children. They don't care. They want to turn children into pornography. They want them filmed getting fucked, having sex, doing what makes people hateful and despicable. The men who've seen enough pornography to buy films of women fucking animals. They're not trawling through third wave feminist or humanity issues, they've already trawled through porn racks to find the smaller niches. They hate these women that are doing this. They hate the women who get fucked by horses and slide obscene dog dicks into their mouths and act like humans wanting something. These models are hated. Sold for men to enjoy the hatred they want to see. So many men who drool over little boys. You don't see that many displays of beauty. These ogres like to fuck the little asses and mouths of boys. Hurting them as if they understand how they could be degraded if such concepts actually held water. The sick men who make this product are not mentally ill, they are not pedophiles. Have you ever seen fuck films with pregnant women. The women are not made to look especially ugly. They're not picked because of their more intensive histories rising to low levels of beaten looks. The sick fucks that buy more pregnant women getting fucked films are buying it because they quite correctly find pregnant women to be egregiously hideous punching bags. Not evolutionary maladaptives. They want to see the grotesques they've been responding to for so many years. They're glad someone offered up what they've always suspected, if nothing else. You don't come away with a different opinion. You don't get proved wrong. You learn to lie.

We could have adopted the attitude, we would just deal with the people in this country, and we could have done it very quickly. It would have all been done and dusted a lot sooner than it was. But, in truth, that would not have been the way to go forward because, obviously, every one of these images represents a disaster to a family somewhere and we decided that we would go forward by getting as many countries as we could on board with us so that we could maximize our evidence.

Kevin Kinder's motivation. I'll tell you this to get you started. Don't try to surprise me by thinking different. Don't second-guess. What would the dress code for Kinder be? What would you do to find yourself there? Did you know where he was going? How'd you figure that out? When did you first learn about these places? How old were you when you decided you wanted to know more. What did you do to find out. Who'd you ask. Do you feel thankful for the information, did it meet that void you were sweating. How old were you. What have you learned since. Do you remember. Do I care about your first time. What do you think I like. What does listening to you do for me.

The folks from the UK produced lists of nicknames, email addresses and which country they were located in. So basically, this is the information that we had to work with and my responsibility was, for all of the folks in the US, from this bit of information, tracking down these email addresses to try to determine which ones were real, which ones were bogus. Just going through the list there's about four pages of about 90 different entries for people whose addresses were in the USA.

If nothing else, I've dedicated my life to seeing it all, picking it apart, fucking it. I've never seen it described, articulated, ruined the way I want. I know of no other invert that does what I do. I don't think being one of the men arrested in the Wonderland cases is reducible to corporal bliss. These men have found something to do for the rest of their lives that made ceaseless sense. I understand that they've discarded everything else in their lives because this was best. Most, and these are men with huge very busy collections, were only watching and masturbating. And I won't accept that the search took over as the obsession. The same way I don't see the wider work they've done as merely wanting to wile every night away from their noisy daughters and wives. I don't think dolly sex as a hard offer, soft joke or rash collective desire is what's key or provocative here.

The photo of my son, it's all I had, I tried to take it all in. The informers and sympathy and I was trying to make the photograph real. I wanted the boy to be safe. I said such stupid things. I don't think anyone else could understand. The importance and the real, serious, actual destruction that comes from knowing that this is only a photograph that you're dumping on. Demanding that the

photograph over the corpse and dirt and assholes telling you how fucking stupidly sorry they are, be fucking safe and quiet and okay without me. I could do nothing more. And it's devastating and I need more from life and the bloody channeling spitting fucking picture.

He was a very popular and very well respected guy. He was a producer. He was actually abusing kids, videotaping it, taking pictures and sharing that picture with everybody else on the channel. That gave somebody great status, so he was definitely one of the few people, the tier one, top shelf people. He was very much revered by everybody in the channel, and you could even see when he comes into the channel people acknowledge him right away. Everybody is sure to say hi to him. "Hey Bart, how's it going, what's new?

There's an attempt to communicate with others, absolutely. Like it or not, that's why these acts are being filmed. If they're creeps, flat sexually, then they're still trying hardest to talk about themselves in that position. This is more evident from watching the films than what the police would have you believe, which is that the films and photographs are created for trades. Or to lower the resolve of children who innately know better. And even to brag.

I've yet to meet one that wasn't following every single special missing child case through the news. And seen every art kid movie with wonderful nude scenes. The fathers who film themselves know more can be had than just feted empiricism. Neighbors, uncles, brothers are not blindly following their criminal behavior into evidence. It doesn't matter if the edits stop profound moments. It all comes fearfully cropped and psychotically similar.

This is left behind. After he's dead. And this is found. And the daughter is seen as different. He won't be there to care. And this is permanent. A work that he created that lets all the others either mourning or celebrating fully understand that none of the ideas and wishes and accomplishments that family offers and promises are entirely true. This doesn't have to be best. Or correct. But it is violently contradictory and, if anything, proves that what you want isn't the same as what you had. He wanted more from all of you. You failed. You faked. He did no better. And, perfectly, idiot, it doesn't matter in better. He was his audience. What would you have preferred. The film to do what, to go where. It was who with his face up her tiny little perfect butt. No hair at all. These dumb willful cunts who'll sear about the lies they were told. They didn't really know the men they were in love with and the men who they wanted love from. That had convinced them and were sure of it. There was a mistake. Never once learning rather than just admitting.

He had something special to offer them. Actionable pictures, new. Producing actionable material. He would basically produce stuff on demand. If you want a special request you would talk to him about certain things that you wanted to see him do the next time he's abusing a child, he would it for you.

Can you find something unconditional?

I asked every stupid question.

Were you cute?

Would you like to see what you looked like?

During the first interview, he sat against an air conditioner in a hotel chair, smoking like a queer learns early. Youthful bitch added nicely.

I like taking showers for you.

Did I look dirty?

Ask him about his usual customers. Does it seem odd that they're looking for rough and yet insist that he clean up beforehand.

They're looking for someone else. They find me.

Are they as old as me.

No, I think most have wives.

Not anymore, right?

Most want their sons.

Did you fuck your father. What do you think about when you jerk-off. How old were you when you were raped.

Everyone else said it was rape.

Would you want that to happen differently. How. Aside from what it did to your family, of course.

Do you have a boyfriend.

I don't know, I was trying to work on something for you. It's easier if I have some help. I don't know yet.

You have beautiful eyes. Will you keep them open for me.

All you want to do is watch me jack off, right. I rub myself alot.

I would too if I had your body. Does that help you to cum quicker or do you always do that.

I always do when I'm jacking off. You don't want to fuck.

Just happens. I don't know if I can keep my eyes open. I do when I'm getting fucked. It's hard to concentrate sometimes.

We had the obvious stereotypical pedophiles, the people that were out scavenging the playgrounds and such, but we also had people that were married and with families. We had an individual who was a professor in the University of Connecticut, we had law students, we had med students, we had people that you would never have suspected of trading in this type of material.

I hope it's illegitimate. I hope to fuck that I'm terrified. Every fucking photo of a made-down doll or severely beaten, raped white daughter would make me feel better. All alone with everything I'm too weak to get over and get right. If I hate children because I fear women, hate women, what adults ask me to be and the deepest inadequacies I wasn't born without. I hate children because they're not the hogs who torture me. And the audience that wants me to be honest and brave, I just can't make it. Maybe just enjoy the lies, the cowardice that could be more severe and devoid of any strength. The older men that I find acceptable and kind at best and stomach turning at root. When they fuck me and haul themselves under me to get fucked female and droop and gristle and bark like dogs: I've heard more than a few make the same porn noises. The lies obvious and easy to dismiss so you can move on. My lack in everything. I'm looking for you, recognition, appreciation for the clumsy attempts to appeal. I can see nothing worthwhile in the context that defines slobs like me. I should. I will.

He could be my general practitioner, he could be my family's GP. I could be sending my boys to him, or my neighbor could be sending their daughters to him. That concerned me. He has access to the whole family as a physician.

What stops you?

I don't think William Rosa would have got involved in this had it not been for the Internet. The anonymity that he used, or thought he had, allowed him to cross that line and enter into this world hiding behind the fictitious name.

Don't be foolish. First, everything follows one answer. What do you have. Can I buy it?

Can you imagine stopping?

Sometimes it's unbelievable what you see. Sometimes it makes you furious, and especially when there are young children, very young children, who are abused.

Can you?

Ultima was one German suspect who had very close contacts to the leading characters world-wide, both to the UK and to the US. It was up to him to decide whether a new member would be vetted or would not be given access to the Wonderland ring.

Impossible. Thank fuck. There's an incredible drive to enjoy myself. You have no idea how much there seems to be to find. You can always guess that there's more. Most of those people don't know what they're – always – talking about. I let them write the book for me. I didn't have what I wanted

until I kept it and laid them out to read one after another. Around the pictures. There's nude scenes in my two favorite films, both of short clean girls stripping off and then running away.

The main concern was getting in, securing the evidence, and preserving the evidence, and preventing anyone from California telling one in Italy that 'hey, the police have just run in my door and you should destroy everything you have because they may be coming to your house next'.

Drive?
Pity?
Placate who? I knew the very first time I saw it. Not the first time I heard about it.

We had their faces up on the wall. Suddenly now these pictures on the wall were turning into real people and a lot of the reports that were coming back from the arresting teams were very positive, they were getting the material, they were identifying the people successfully. So it was a really good day.

The bastard taking his pants off. I see him fucking constantly. He stands there and unzips his fly. Drops them down and isn't wearing underwear. Turns around to show his white untanned ass. Then around again to extend his cock a little more delicately full. Standing there, the focus on him first, the hustler poses, queeny macho pervert preen enjoying himself. You really never do see the pain that you're promised. The kid is being entertained, taught. He's getting told, gently, to recreate much of what he's seeing. Fucker knows only the audience in the room.

All you'll see soon enough is hand and handwork and a semi-soft cock entering a mouth too small for the more obscene, immature and regressive possibilities.

So what was your reaction?

I took her photo out of my wallet. I won't have her pictures around anymore. I didn't want to convince myself, or rather I have to work hard not to imagine her, that she's real. Or mine. That a photograph has genuine presence in it. It is entirely in my creative, sexually desperate head. I'm certain that she never existed elsewhere. She is untouchable. And if she wasn't, if she did, it caused no change. Counts for nothing. Not in what I live with. My experience with her is wrong unless I understand confidently that everything I see and remember has nothing to do with anything else. Memories, images, keepsakes that I sentimentalize to minute fantasies, lies, Mills & Boons. What I do is ugly. What happened. Or what happens to others like her. Doesn't fit.

Grief more than anything. I was grieving for my friends. I didn't know what would happen. I knew that some of them wouldn't be able to accept it and I have found out since that six of them have committed suicide.

What did she give you?
You took what away?
Twenty years at least. And all the caterwauling and fliers and interviews and disgusting picks and covers. What did she get from you?
Pulled what away from him? And everyone who looked like him. Acted just a little, when you think about it, like him. What did she package up.
Spent so much more time with you than anyone else. You must have taken an awful lot. Too much to list.

Well, it hit me like lightning. I was suddenly dragged back into the real world. Of course I'd always been worried about it being illegal and completely immoral but my head got the better of me. The last thing on my mind was arrest. I never expected to find the police on my doorstep.

They're often quite striking. Very beautiful. The care that is clearly present and lengthy is not disturbing in the least. Very moving.

Do you think she ran away?

I mean, I'm genuinely asking. My problems are overwhelming. I'm as frightened by the information as I can be, I think. Absolutely stunned when I'm all alone. What I did won't seem compassionate. I swear I can't come up with any other way.

Took the CCTV footage of her shopping with her mother's boyfriend. Both of them walking in the few aisles of a service station in some truck drive-by town, the poor girl wearing a pink shirt and trying to select some fun. The boredom and sadness is all mine.

Told that they ate macaroni and cheese afterward together in the huge truck they came in and that he might have strangled her to death when she woke up later in the night. The information I took was there might be enough evidence to precious that Darren was molesting Stacey while she slept. And only killed her because of what he imagined might happen later. Though there's a chance, I suppose, that she was being molested for awhile before. In the house. And that the truck trip was different ideas to different people.

I could have put Shasta's similar shots and security edits just before this. But Shasta did interviews later because she's working through what happened to her. The adult questions and still child answers could come before Stacey but not the convenience store shopping. I don't like the connections.

Spliced a scene from a polish movie that filmed my Wrona quicking off her cheap nightshirt and walking imperfectly out of a room. Some will tell me that I want to see their butts. Skinny backs and blonde hair. That's the only reason for the shot. I assure you it never works that way. I'm petrified that this could be my only response. Others will decide that she was leaving the movie. That both became my favorite character, naked, preteen, because the thin beautiful actors made it out of the scenes entirely. She didn't die, she didn't get filmed, let everyone look at her and turn them into the fools if they want to lose themselves there forever.

Found, faced, with sleeping nudity and vulgar convenience and workingman noise, she left the whatever happened to me to work out with proof and film and reports and fretful past. Sentimental faggots collecting every inch of her; the man that hanged himself before explaining what he did for himself and his girlfriend's poor listening, learning, excited child. There are no inches. It's nothing that I haven't fucked up and got completely wrong. I don't want to be recorded. I don't want to hear what you have to say. I'm the audience here. The lay-bys and parks where adults go to screw themselves and take money and move on. Faggots in parking lots, highway adult booth stops, restrooms, potential child molesters with pornography hooking cons and long timed hint routes. Puts her tiny shyly open mouth around a homosexual history and helps him.

He had an inner sanctum that he had built up with plywood and a lot of the doors were maybe 4 inches thick. We found young girls' panties that he had put in plastic bags and had hid down in the duct work. He also had some of these panties laying near the computer where he would sit at and work.

There's no look she's going to give that hasn't been found elsewhere. No response that is unique, nothing to be gained from surprises. I'm sick to fucking death of what I've done and what I've kept. I'm done. I hope I'll never come back to it.

I'd hoped to say that it didn't need me to smear it up worse. Just have the clippings and wreck the context and I'm finished anyway. But left alone, and this is what happens, I'm compelled to create a whole from it. It's horrible and literally pointless.

I do this to myself. I know they exist somehow, somewhere.

We couldn't believe the size. We took a 7-ton lorry to bring everything back to our base. We just didn't realize how big it was going to be. The photographs were unbelievable. They really did disgust a number of officers, and we are hardened detectives and seen a lot of this stuff before, but not some of this stuff.

There's a long slog, an exciting degradation of thought. The details become secondary after predisposition. The taste is rotten, badly corrupted by the time you get to the end. They don't go by date. I never intended them to. I just slapped them all up as a fistful of sorts. They're all saying the

same thing eventually. They move to the inclusion of their admirers. It's essentially an excuse for talking about it. Which is abhorrent. The idea is always better, reflected by the milling and sifting of the details. By why you came and stayed. But they're not talking to me. They're only talking about sex, masturbating. Pleasure and desire, a reason to exist, match biology with philosophy, without ever doing away with it all. Saying this isn't good. This isn't what you want. What's shoved forward is diminutive, childish. Failure to become the fucking insect you never were.

We had 750,000 – that's three quarters of a million – different images of pedophilia. Some of them were laughing and yet you knew inside they were crying, and some of them were absolutely sobbing.

I have done this. Just collected and combined the footage of crying, screaming mothers. Red faced fathers breaking down uncontrollably when the memories supersede the reasoning. The details are repeated and the images of what they knew better than the cops who told them hit forefront. It made more sense as pornography. Then displayable, sellable art. I wanted to draw out for longer than the quick glimpse, or even purposeful cum, so that it could become evidence against me. Gross, ruminating, pliable. So that the time I was giving to the market and choice moments would lengthen into the constant thought and searching. I like the idea that they could be sold. I don't have to keep it. There's too much. Favorites simply become old as they're replaced. It is consistent and mined. I'm not precious about them. I could pretend that taking originals from my collection is painful. But I don't make prints. I didn't need my name, as much as I needed my time, stamped over shit. I detest that so many of the gropers misunderstand it. The comments are theirs. They almost always, especially the grievers, talk about money.

Certainly one series that sticks in my mind is a series that was labelled 'Colby'. Colby would appear to be a child of no more than a year old and the initial images are of a young toddler, a very blond-haired lad, walking in a hallway in nappies. That image goes through some 20 or 30 slides and ends up with the most horrific abuse of the child and certainly, like the rest of the team, I guess that one image probably stays with you and that for me would be the most horrible that I saw.

White meth trash launch into tears while saying they have to keep her fucking face out there. I was reading through transcripts of rapist interviews, endless nigger reports essentially. And when the interviewers can sparkle that they've hit a truth it's usually dependent on apes talking about his rod and her meat. The movement of these interviews is to drag the subject down to that level. Be graphic. Tell me about the excitement. Now consider what you've done to the victim. And the other victims that you didn't realize you were hurting right then. And now that you've learned it, now that you know the details and seen the family who're doing everything they can to protect the victim and all the rights groups and pages you've got to understand yourself. They'll still be lying. They'll still only want sex and their personal right to it. All this is carefully considered as brethren. Evidence doesn't get beyond the fact checkers. If the pigeons are looking for honesty in art, they'll locate it there. Where the difference between incest and abduction is the way both criminals once exposed the exact same vacuous lifestyle.

In Ian Baldock's computer there was a voice of a little girl. She sounds to me to be English, probably about 8 or 9, being repeatedly beaten by her mother, and saying "No more, no more". But the beating just continues, again and again and again, and she's crying and screaming. That hit really hard, really, really hard. Took a long time to get that out of my head.

I took the audio from child sex interviews. I found therapist directives and police reports and separated the adults from the children. Tenderly broken streams that exist in real time after the very important work is done. Carefully selected and badly edited. Some material was treated professionally, well crafted. Others were jagged cut and paste collages when the interest rolled over the means. Very cheap, highly important pornography. It was in my head for years until I finally made it. You tend to look at their faces and think of the things you've seen in more wretched or demeaning positions. I screen the guys I have sex with. After contempt. The boys in these pictures

are oftentimes gorgeous. As a mother I imagine what these pedophiles are attracted to. The boys especially are quite phenomenally beautiful. It must be very difficult.

Through each picture we looked for electrical sockets, we looked for magazines, anything in the wallpaper, anything that would give us a clue as to the nationality, and most... the majority of them are so professionally made that you can't tell.

Bradford must've known it was going to happen. Whenever he masturbated. He had to examine his DNA and know that it was on record. He could only wait until the files were run.

If you like we've done the easy bit. We've got the people that were trading this stuff and they've now been dealt with, but I feel that only half the job has been done, because to finish it is to try and identify who these victims are.

The 8-year-old girl whose neck he slashed open after raping her. Kept giving interviews as she was, not only, proud of her ability to talk again. He had to know that she was going to insist that the public put pressure on the case shifters to follow up all possible leads and that includes reexamining DNA samples left in similar crimes. He also watched the 8-year-old grow up. Turn into a woman talking about being a child. And the photos of her in the hospital after the attack. The best years of her life before she grew older than her small stature and smile.

Was the image of that Portuguese boy found on any of the computers seized here in Britain?

Yes it was. The image was found on the computer of Gavin Seagers who was one of our suspects.

It sounds pretty chilling doesn't it – a disappeared boy, pedophiles, computer images?

The abuse of children is quite horrific. We would know that the club, the Wonderland club, consider themselves to be the cream of pedophiles and we would know that in their craving for new material they would stop at nothing to abuse children.

It is quite clear that you used these images to fulfill your sexual and emotional needs.

The revelations about Wonderland are focusing everyone's concern on the growing problem of child pornography on the Internet. Some British Internet service providers, the companies which provide access to the Internet, carry such material on their networks. Indeed pedophile content is openly advertised on some of the channels known as "newsgroups". It is through these newsgroups that many of the members of Wonderland first found indecent images of children.

Mom kept a photo of the guy who raped her son – promised the 11-year-old comics and cigarettes, sent him home afterward – on display so that others would know who the man was.

"I always have him."

This is an Internet news group browsing program. It allows you to access up to 46,000 different news groups. Here you can see in the news groups we've got a news group called 'Alt Sex Paedophile', 'Alt Sex Paedophilia', 'Alt Sex Paedophilia Boys... Girls'

The boy grew up to eventually land in jail for attempted murder. He was trying to steal money and prescription drugs, still in Florida. In jail on an earlier charge, he met the man who had raped him. The boy attacked Kevin Kinder and broke one of his rapist teeth.

"He is so full of anger that if you step in his perimeters he'll snap."

So it's clearly marked 'paedophilia'?

The mother had started a predator watch group and regularly hounded the rapist after he had been let out of jail. She would hand out fliers and let the man's neighbors know who they were living near.

"He said, "Mom, I'll never let another person touch me, ever.'"

It's clearly marked 'pedophilia' and a simple click of the mouse will take you straight into it and the contents of that particular newsgroup.

The requirements for entry on the weekend are posted on the wall after the bar. You need a uniform of easily identified faggot fetish to get into the downstairs area the bar calls "The Hole". If you don't have your leather outfit or military gear, you can get in in your underwear as long as you have "major tats". On the weekdays, they rarely put someone at the entrance and you'll find men who don't live the lifestyle as importantly.

"They think they've got a lynch mob on wheels. They think they can run rampant over him. He's going to be haunted by her wherever he goes."

And what's the likelihood of those contents being, in effect, illegal, images of children being abused?

I wanted a video diary of what he masturbated to. Told him to pick things that get him excited. Even if it was just the camera staring at him.

I watch men masturbate this way all the time.

Let me know if you think it's a mirror or me or a public. I promised him I wouldn't encourage him or check the material until some years had passed. He'd create garbage if he thought someone cared. I wanted to keep watching it, make enough to rewind as he drug and terror aged. Porn works the first time and rarely after. I save the clippings and, like the complaints of sadly aging children who can't draw back KP, I return to the mothers and fathers and school buddies doing press conferences when their babies originally went missing.

"She was able to effectively maneuver him into a position where he got a violation of probation. I'm sure she can beat her chest all she wants."

A large portion of it will be images that are illegal to be in possession of in this country.

I had my hopes. But they were secondary to what he'd do on his own. I've seen men conform to type; I was hoping he'd be better than that. I liked that no matter what was made constant and explicit, it would always have as a backdrop his mother's psychotic relief and his more intimate knowledge of publicity and sexual violence. If anything, actually, more than his unique personality for which my doubts were primary, I seriously hoped he'd find that he was homosexual. And that he was interested in reliving the violence in tense acceptable yanks. Finding comfort and confidence where he probably shouldn't. Or by masturbating to pictures of children. First. Maybe pictures of himself.

"I don't care if she wants to sit down in a public square every day and scream out his name. But when she goes down and focuses on an individual, she's violating the law. We call that stalking in the state of Florida."

And that's openly available on the internet?

Pornography is everywhere there. The monitors show very well built leather queens with large thick cocks and naked whites sucking on them for long periods of wasted time. And then the scenes rarely end with a mouth cum. Instead there'll be more long stalls of ass fucking and chest

rippling. All of it above the crawling mass of lonely punks and hunting clowns. Most of the scum wait for a mouthful date, older men my age and up, bulking their pants tight and masturbating. If not. Offering tongue wag blowjobs and guiding your eyes to their hands. Not cocks.

"I am an advocate."

Openly available and clearly marked as such.

I knew she'd get there. I knew she'd seen it. Are you glad it happened. Did it make you help people that also couldn't want to say the same thing?

"My therapy is helping other people. I am motivating people left and right."

But why do some of your members carry newsgroups that are obviously to do with paedophilia? Sex.babies – it's obvious what it contains. How can you say you're serious about stopping child porn on the net when this kind of material exists openly by your members.

The younger men come here. Next door is another leather bar that's slightly more affordable. The dinosaurs there still wear leather on the weekend but during the week, it's mostly men who look like me or worse. This is not a problem. The younger men who want their slice at Jackhammer's tend to be learning no matter how long they've been coming there. It's irritating.

"She's a complicated person. She's got a very soft side. She's the first person to hand a dollar bill to a hobo. But she's got this extreme hatred for Kevin Kinder, which I haven't seen her exhibit toward anybody else."

I think it's important to recognize that the actual names of newsgroups do not actually bear always... or correspond with what they actually contain and if we took the action of banning all different newsgroups because of a name then we might not actually be banning information that was actually...

I don't believe you. I don't believe you think like it now. I think you fuck bikers and abusive husbands because you like the way it sounds now. I don't care what you got out of fucking anything while it blurred. Doesn't work like that, mom. You don't know what you want. You honestly think you didn't like it but I can tell you're lying. You have to do a little work. Convince me, don't worry about the slobs that don't expect anything else. I've paid so many prostitutes, I know what happens. I'm repulsed that you want to know what I masturbate in front of. What's more, you won't get what you want. You're that sick. What happens is you just aren't offered anything better, there is your level, work that out, nothing else.

"She's like a pit bull. She's got her teeth locked in, and she's not going to give in. The club's behind her. If somebody did that to my kid, it would possess me to do that, too. I've met her son, and he views it as everybody's looking down on him because of what happened. It's not his fault. He was a kid."

But it would be a start, would it not, to stop newsgroups that are actually called sex.babies?

I don't care. Using your plan, that I want more than air, something either physical or psychologically evident, I can tell you: I don't want to fuck anything. I don't need to see you at your worst. I couldn't elevate or please or hurt you anymore. I don't think you're so fucked up to be beyond attractive or help. I'm incapable of offering or locating either. I don't have an evaluation. You're more than worth one, I'm sure. I don't believe you when you say I want to hurt you some more. I don't believe help is available.

"It's interfering with Kinder reintegrating into the community. How is he going to find a healthy

relationship if he's running from place to place and avoiding all this publicity?"

Many of them are stopped.

Pictures of you with your legs spread. Lovely long legs. You should have done just exactly what you did. You should tell me more than flashbacks and gymnastic health when you talk about what you want. How hideous you sound and certainly must look when you get into bed to hold and caress and maneuver in someone you want to love. You want to be pleased and want to give of yourself. Make someone happy. With that. Take her home, make her a home, teach her what little you possess as learned and how fucking truly sick the mistakes you continue to make behind you are.

"The person that is injured frequently has less trouble getting over it than the parent of the victim."

But many of them aren't. I mean one of your members, for example, has a dozen of these sites – specifically sex.babies, sex.boys, sex.children, pictures.childerotica. What else are those news groups about if not illegal material?

I'm not using fiction. Give me that, at least. I'm not creating characters. Out of a nonexistent misfired empathy? I give you that first. If I'm using one of these degraded gift insistent names, fuck, I want to make sure it's me with the shit in my mouth.

This doesn't go through her fucking weeping backward head? What it felt like to it? To be penetrated, what she knows that fucking feels like. Get dressed, get undressed, tell yourself that what you want isn't what you're going to get from a creep, the fat cunt was just supposed to be a good fit fuck and pump and piston and then she was too drunk, too young, still so stupid while it was actually fucking going on. She doesn't remember that? Grind it over and come up with her part and then her head shaking refusal to repeat it.

I have the fucking library. I tape it off TV and I scrawl her name on the side and keep it. Still keep it. I wrote her baby's name on the side. Never the creep who did it. She's the one who I have on the screen.

"Parents may believe they failed in their responsibility to protect the child, so if they stay angry at the offender, it helps them feel okay."

Well as I said, the newsgroups themselves, the names actually don't necessarily indicate what's in them and...

I mean, could you imagine? I'd be in that group show with the worst possible premise. I had no sympathy, actually. But it was more than that. I thought don't do this at first. Then realized it was more don't do this to me. And no matter what I was going to do, it would all be soaked in how they acted, performed, no matter what was produced.

My daughter had seen me giving head to a man who wasn't her father. I thought, good girl, you'll learn earlier than most. I'm done thinking it shouldn't have happened. And afterward, I knew that all the sex I would have outside of the hideous marriage and its sexless requirements could be explained as an excusable reaction to what extreme pain I was dealing – badly – with. It was nauseating.

Men hunt around booths for strangers to suck on, strangers to get sucked by. I could stand naked in the hallway, fingering myself and every man that would come down the stairs from the sales shop, I could tell him:

Let me suck you off.

You want to eat this cunt?

I'd like to swallow as much cum as you and your friends could jam down my throat. Call your buddies. No condoms, no niggers.

And this appeals to me. I understand how you can get fucked and think: Don't be nice to me, please don't be nice to me.

When I'd finally go to the welfare for treatment, the group show I was in would only say that I had been acting out. Losing boundaries. But I can truthfully say that it all came from wanting to prove to my late daughter that it all would have been greater than the life these fools would have had you live instead. How dare you want her to repeat the details in that accent.

"This could be a way of gaining mastery over her own experiences."

But some of the pedophiles that we've spoken to say that they got into this whole business and got into the net because they identified those newsgroups and went in that way because they found a newsgroup called, for example, pictures.child.

I'm not wearing drag. I'm not even trying to understand you. I don't want to see how you look in panties and a t-shirt that is too small for your wet sucked tits. Your fat cheeks and stains and streaks and chins are fine with me. I'm not looking to you for an example of cragged reality; I'm not interested in transforming you into a slogging tragedy or a tragically brave, vicious triumph. I find it sick that you want me to.

"I was trembling. I just wanted to hurt him so bad."

I'm not going to deny that these newsgroups do exist and some of them do contain illegal material.

I'd like to be you looking at the photos. Hearing the details. The contradictions that you can't grasp or leave alone so you fumble around with your fingers and jowls in pornography. I look to find every single example of you opening your mouth. That's what I do all the time. And the woman, Honey Bane, that you may think is Wootton via Gemma and whoever else is the background plug of the moment, is not you moving there. The girls do all become the same. Because it's me with them in my mouth. But not you. The boys too. I cropped the shots of Honey. Fucking easy and necessary. I didn't want to look at her huge hanging breasts. That's what the photos were paid for. I just wanted to see her pretty face for once. In thickening sweat safe pancake make-up. And a ridiculous wig. She'd always talked, like you, about her life of sexual abuse. I wanted to see her mouth. All slathered and extra wet and greasy. But I don't think for a minute that she's wearing the uniform I want.

Screaming hunts for registered sex offenders now. Her blonde boy and girl are very cute, both skinny and looking very much like their young punk mother, former runaway, current bar jobbing hippie.

I did her hair in the morning. Put it up in a ponytail.

"This way, I'm not retaliating on him."

They'll hide up and then they'll start their own channel and then they'll go looking for each other and they'll regroup, and the group will eventually be as big as it was with new members, with new pictures, and with all of the old pictures which are still floating around out there.

It is not my context. I couldn't do it this time. My name, my purchases and especially my picks. Every one traveling away from me this way. Instead of backwards to me because of the name and select group I steady it in. Every word by someone else and carrying on, every document stopped, only one obscene genre and my stunt obsession. My trawl. But nothing separate from whatever it is you do all the time. What you're responsible for. What you could create rather than what you created. My thoughts, poor dear, my baby, are entirely always with you.

"I'm venting in a positive way. Every day, people say, "Why don't you just kill him?' But then, where's that going to put me? I'm right where he is."

The policemen who patrol the Internet still see the faces of hundreds of Wonderland children. They are out there forever.

Put your pub genes, your latest thoughts and reasons, your raped baby past and stick it under a wisest choice wig. I'm only talking to you. Like me, you'll be surprised who replies. I don't care who else sees it. And you always do though, yeah?

That's not enough for you, right?

Does or doesn't change shit.

Some faggot perfectly lonely enough to drop his pants in front of you. You have a different story than all the rest. I'm sure of it. Yours is worse. Or not as bad.

Not the one I usually see, don't worry.

It's one that's like all the others, you're not alone. I'm looking for young women. Why wouldn't I? They wouldn't touch me otherwise. Wouldn't let me touch them.

"I think this is worse, having him look over his shoulder, wondering who's watching him, wondering whose eyes are on him. He's probably wondering when he's going to walk out of his apartment for the last time. I wouldn't be afraid of Judy. I'd be afraid of the rednecks out there."

A lot of these are the equivalent of movie stars, they're famous, they're celebrities. All their pictures are well known.

You provoke the worst impulses. You don't want that. You earned your body and that's only one part of what makes worse say you're ugly. Do you really think this wouldn't have happened? I'm fine with yes. What happened then; that doesn't sound like convenience. I think you look just fine, even better. You're the masochist. This is your story. All these others.

"I don't know what the heck it is they think they are attempting to accomplish, other than making fools of themselves. If they're unhappy about how much time he served, then their efforts directed toward Mr. Kinder are clearly foolish, because he didn't sentence himself and he didn't let himself out. They ought to direct their efforts to the legislature."

What is the effect on the children of their notoriety?

I haven't asked you to stop. I'd like to know what would make you stop besides embarrassment. It's rarely anything else. And I like that it's what you reach down and locate in yourself first. The fallback emotion you think is the worst tool at your laziest disposal.

"He says, 'Mom, you're just fighting and it's not getting anywhere.'"

They are going to be.. their abuse is going to continue for the rest of their life. That documentation of their abuse is going to be part of their life forever.

Try and get the photos back. Have them erased. I've been paying prostitutes to watch me masturbate. I've stood in front of them and stared like an ape. I'm sure they imagine that I'm in awe of them. That I don't touch women, terrified of disease, so deeply perverted by what pornography has crawled over me that I'm unable to do what I really want to do. Which is get my dick inside them and have them act like an ape again. They may or may not have me nailed. I'm pretty sure I'm wrong. I'm frustrated by all that's out there. Nonetheless, they do watch and I understand it's only to see when I'm finished. An egg timer. Later on, it changes. They're replaced by men who I watch masturbate onto photos. And the mothers that know that I do this don't care either. There's more important things to worry about and the sickness of men like me is nothing at all as bad as what they've experienced by another. I'm not special, I'm just another fucked up creep manhandled by loneliness and revenge and mental lapses, quiet if best. The mother language over the photos doesn't really work. The stories the bags tell in bars don't either. The adult bookstores I have to travel further and further out for, filled with men looking for performing, groaning, spitting women, eventually will make it to the booths that the entire self-respect industry is hammered upon.

"I don't care, that will give him and me our time."

It still is unfathomable to me that there are pictures of my child, and videos of my child, that were trafficked, and.. you know.. I mean there's no stopping it once it's out there. They were given varying sentences for the participation and direction of that night when she was molested online. But her sentence is a life sentence. I mean our child is going to deal with this as a part of her history forever.

I've been told this quite a few times. Apparently, it's easier to see than I'm willing to understand, admit. Proof makes this time more complex for me, still I'm sure that I'm avoiding everything else that would just get me to stop it all.

I wasn't the only one.

I sucked on some plug through a white condom cock stuck at me through a glory hole at Mimi's in an early morning Saturday trawl for just that. Dullard yanked off the condom when he was ready to cum and, compulsively, hard dry dripping cock exposed for the security camera between the booth doors, skipped from his to mine. Yanked hard on the door that I didn't have to unlock. Sat down in front of him on a plastic chair that I had to skid from wall to entrance. I let him stick his shivering ready insistence for proof in my mouth. I just pulled on his shaft and lapped his pisshole so he could see where he wanted to cum. Then took the spurts and groans deeper to his balls. Pants, zipper, belt at chin and cheeks, no good grasp of his ass.

It pulled out when it started to soften too much and he looked around the booth rather than suffer what he'd needed to do where. Said: Is that yours. When he saw the black and white xerox of a smiling child I'll keep to myself.

It doesn't matter.

He'll work it out later, let him remember if he'd been in the booth hunting and crawling before I filled it or if I just didn't care to take it down because it didn't bother me.

Could have been an art gallery. Could have been a dirty attempt to recontextualize what he did like the thousand other rats. Make him as sick and as guilty as I was due to his lying, reductive, angry need for a sexual release without sex.

It has nothing to do with children. I don't know who the fuck that is. But this has nothing to do with children.

"She doesn't need any more sympathy."

Masha, Shy Pornography lasts. Discourse and Concern and the trading, re-printable access. The mother and father and close families are told about splittable sex offender rundowns and interviews before the very first press conference. That is the only true connection in the filth that I do. I'm very sorry. They keep listing the count of registered sex offenders in the missing and abducted area and continually insisting they're surprised, shocked, outraged at the high numbers. I'm not worried about the hypocrisy. More selfishly concerned over my cynicism and maudlin gullibility. The lists that get dropped into the heads that are howling and struggling for words over honed swimming emotion hits me just as hard as fucking copped Colby. I don't feel superior. I desperately want to know what you're going through. I'd very much like to be you for this.

"She doesn't need anybody giving her any more clothes. She doesn't need anybody feeling sorry for her. People now need to give her tough love."

Finally stripped of vanity. Dragged down to the footage, only days and lengthy repetitive years later. The product was used and still usable. For such a small example. Beautiful faces and nothing you could do for it. It wasn't an art gallery, a pornography experienced performance. Faggot in a suit left and I stayed. Next faggot sucked on my dick while I stared at a picture I liked rather than a white wall. I'd done this so many times before and simply wanted a replacement for the work I had to do in something's rotting head. Imagining what I was barely feeling, going down the list of tongue to fist, throat to finger, not caring enough to get done before it did.

"We were really close. We were so close to making that big jump."

Pure didn't mean purity. It does now. It suggests nothing other than the beauty of the children available and fretted over. The title these lame hole faggots give over and over. Nothing deeper, absolutely nothing essential or defining. You insist that it be clean and pretty and you mar everything you insist on by forcing it to prove the lies you want to believe. Every cunt wants to help. Every single ratfaced faggot and blubbery drunk pedophile.

"It doesn't matter what you give somebody that has these kinds of problems. The materialistic part of it doesn't matter. It's the money in their pocket. It's that drive that gets them to go back and use."

I brought filth. I've made my life on your back. You won't believe this but I'm devastated watching you hurt. It's my way of coping with your, first of all, visually demanding pain. You didn't make this happen. I'm not being attacked. Why let yourself be seen this way. Have your scrambling effort to define rammed into publicity for lies. Come out stinking in an end that keeps twisting and mutilating you to the sewage looking for one good video fuck and paid broad among the millions lining the walls of millions of adult store suckon shops. Become transparent; more than wounded or camp. Why not keep it and shut the fuck up. Why put yourself out there only to listen for the next thing to say. You've made the mistakes, don't let yourself accept it, there'll be nothing you can do about the unrecovered results, whether you fucking hear about it or not. Don't encourage a thing.

"It's no longer about Carlie."

This old woman acting like she should be a child. As if she ever was that important then. Doing what they want as if they might look good. As if something makes sense beyond the age of raped.

You'll have to dress it up.

Cover yourself.

It'll only ever be about convincing someone else to let you watch. And you'll want them to watch you eventually.

"Carlie's gone. Carlie's in heaven. Carlie is looking down right now and she is probably so ashamed for her mother. This is the side of Susan Carlie wanted so badly to get better."

Nothing until it's saved. Put somewhere else. It was never news. And your reasons? Memorial. And theirs? Masturbation. Don't be base. You need help too.

"As long as she's breathing and as long as she's walking, she has the right to turn her life around."

The condom was intended for me. I didn't push through. Didn't know it was for me until he put it on himself to more reluctantly get sucked on.

"Sitting next to my son was one of the worst feelings of my life."

I didn't want short answers. I knew he'd only be capable of immediate responses. Very little thought. Reactions, defenses, tries to impress.

"More fuel for me to help other people."

What would it matter, anyways. He'd look that way and do what he liked. If you asked the moron what he liked, he'd still look back at you blank as fuck. The best answer he'd have is what else you got.

"I can't blame 100 percent on it, but I can definitely say it has been a strong contributing factor."

I told him to stop. Asked him if he was bored. Fucker said no. Didn't ask me if I was. Didn't matter, clearly.

"I told him I was going to continue to fight for him and that he's my baby and I love him. He said, 'Thank you, Mommy,' and 'I love you.'"

Getting him to answer was too much work. I wanted more than what I would tell him. Had to keep putting ideas in his head. I was enjoying the questions mainly because the answers were so nonexistent. He understood I was sick of him, that I could have been laughing at him but he liked that I didn't. So he just kept going until I gave him enough information to mimic better decisions. You can teach it. But I didn't want to at all.

MISSING CHILDREN

I think I can safely speak for everybody who knows anything about this story – our deepest condolences, and we thank you for coming.

Thank you. It's important for me to be here. I know a little more about what happened and I'd like to make sense of it. I don't think I can help anyone else. I don't think I can safely say that I care as much as people need me to. I'm confused about what's going on. But I do need to make sense of it. You might be able to help, right? I'm not being snide.

My baby had cigarette burns all over body. I didn't see the photos. The police have them. Lawyers. They didn't ask if I wanted to see them. But I was told the details so that I'd understand that I should never see the pictures of what happened. I was thinking that I should have seen them. I don't know how to put any of this into words that will work for me or anyone else.

Do you think you owe it to her? That you need to know what happened so....

I owe nothing. I have nothing. Does that make sense? I don't imagine her going through what she went through... it's very difficult. I can say, you know, thank you for having me. I can't say anything that's going to make sense in, I think, the way you might want me to sound. I'm not accusing anybody of anything. I'm wrong. I'm missing something essential. Some greater concept that might work for others, other than me. I think it's sick. What I'm going through is sick. I'm an invalid. Not because of what happened to me, you understand, but because I lack conviction. I'm tired. You don't have to help me, I swear. You could ask another question. You should just be polite. You should be more fucking polite to me than anyone else. Don't you think? Is that what I'm asking for?

What was it like for you yesterday?

Overwhelming. Overwhelming. The outpour from everyone, the love that people are showing us has just been incredible. Can you imagine such a thing? Let me ask you, have you ever been the beneficiary of such phenomenal sympathy? I don't know these people who are clamoring to listen to me say thank you. That sounds wretched. I'm excused for that. But I'm not – I mean, I hope I don't sound – I'm not bitter. I appreciate the effort and I can say thank you. I don't want to accept that what has happened is so rarified an experience. That my life is now extremely special. Tragic, more tragic than all the others listening. Who are these people? Do you know? Can you tell me, seriously, fuck's sake, I'm here, can you just give me a small sense of who you know your audience to be? Who do you sell most of what you have to sell to?

Does that sound horrible?

No. No, definitely not. You'll have to work this out, I don't think what you're doing is in any way fair. Or rather, no matter what you do and what you look forward to or backwards from is ever going to seem fair. The point I'm getting at, sadly, is that no matter where you go from here. And I mean right now. With me. Is that you'll be a record of pain. I don't know that you have to try so hard. I wish I could tell you to stop. I have no idea of what you're going through. I can listen, offer you respect from that position, a need to understand what you're saying and how you're clearly suffering. But, really, you don't have to try so hard.

Do you want me to ask you questions? Would that help?

Don't. Don't ask if it would help, I guess. Is there something you could do? You know, that's not really helpful. But whatever help is, I know, it ain't going to work. Do you think this is pathetic?

It is, isn't it? That's a question. Will it be alright with you... if we start there? Is it pathetic for you? To you? What's pathetic, what's pathetic about all of this?

It's not where I'd like to be.

No, of course not. What can you say about the man that took the photos?

I haven't seen them. Have you seen the pictures?

No.

Have you been offered them? I know you said–

No.

...Would you have taken the chance?

I would not of. I'm assuming you're questioning the degrees of professional research more than personal ethics or truth? Would you like to know if I think I could handle emotionally what the pictures would represent?

Yes. Yes. Perfect.

Well, why is that perfect? Answer that first, and then I promise I'll give you as honest an answer as I can to the question which, actually, I gave you first...

Something different. Just something that doesn't sound like all the rest of the irish sickness out there. Perfect means I'd like to hear something that isn't stupid and does not fucking require me for the first fucking time in forever it seems to have to ignore the dim asshole comments from seriously stupid cretins.

I'd like to hear more about that. Ask you about shame. Ask you about comfort. But to go back a bit.

I could look at the photos. I shouldn't have been so emphatic about my answer when you asked if I'd see them. Emotions like pity or fear or deep sadness and loss, the worthlessness and hideous selfishness... I think I could separate the fixed assumptions of what they mean and the original record... that is, the relationship between the photographer and the subject. Would you like to ask me another question or can we discuss excess and shame and whatnot?

Would it be an erotic response?

I don't know. I know what kind of answer is expected and that, in fact, might dilute such a response anyway. It wouldn't be an attraction to the subject matter, certainly, it would have to be understood that this is the sole reason for the photographs to exist though, right?

You don't think you could be surprised?

You have the information now. Far more than me. Have you had a difficulty separating the mother from the creep?

Say: She's a beautiful girl.

More than that... And... They weren't model shots, were they?

No? I think of it that way. Models made to look worse than they deserve, maybe. She was a model. That's undeniable.

She deserved what? You did use the plural... you don't think you're talking about more than one, but I'm not so sure.

What did she deserve? What was she asking from you?

I've been thinking about this. Because I've found myself obsessed with pornography ever since. I want it to be my choice. Now. I want to see what's there, as clearly and specifically as possible, and I don't want it to be a search for understanding the ghetto. There's so much stuff that shouldn't be included. Sickness on all sides. And I'll be fucked if I'm going to entertain all these idiot arguments. I think she deserved better than what she got. That's no great sentence. I don't know what she was asking me for. Unless it was implicit, and it absolutely was, that she didn't deserve to be treated this way and I was asked to protect her. I can't talk for what she was here for. You can't tell me that she wasn't intended for this. You can't say that she was better than anything other than the information you have in front of you that specifically shouts out the cigarettes pressed into such a tiny body that you won't even be able to imagine. I can. But it's not enough. So I'm looking to see her in what others spread open and lean down into. It is not adequate. You have no idea how much shit I've had to hear. Everyone who actually gets a chance to get close enough to spit in front of me must have a badge of abuse and rape. Otherwise, they just sound lifeless. Instead of colorful. Then both groups melt down into one dull tone. You can't imagine her the way I do.

This is why you've chosen to make more of her pictures public?

They're not mine anymore. I didn't choose a thing. I have to give them away because they mean nothing more to me any longer. She's a brandname. She's been taken away and placed into a market that I can't argue against. Do the photos help you to imagine her happy or terrified? Both? What are you looking for?

I'm trying to understand you. Very simple. I'm looking for the cracks in what you're saying. Have I come off as unsupportive?

What have you been told about the photos? Let's compare notes.

I saw the photos of Madison. Are you familiar with her? I saw those shots. And she was tiny. Even tinier. And looking straight into the camera before anything less clean happened. I suppose that I mix yours and hers. Is that fair? Do you think that's fair? Fuck, do you insist on the uniqueness of your baby, is that where we're going? That can't be it. You must have something more inside there than that. Don't you?

Was she hurt?

It's a good question. Not that it's the question you're asking. But she was identified through the release of her pictures. Her face. When the mother was located, the news was that Madison didn't remember any of what happened at all. I'm sure no one will tell you that she wasn't hurt. However, the actual answer is no. That is the answer that was given.

So if it wasn't for the photos. There'd be no proof of what happened.

And the photos can create the pain yet to happen, right?

So you're looking at the photos wrong?

There's an ugliness that goes on, that's unmistakable. No matter what is said. It comes from seeing the man in the footage, perhaps? Is that possible? Would you like to talk about that aspect?

Yes. Go on.

The pornography that you watch. Do you become excited?

Yes.

And do you want to do what you see?

Yes.

It informs the work? Or...

The work or the life?

...well, both, okay. What is the difference?

I like that there's an argument that you have to deal with. No matter how dumb or implausible it might be. There's an argument that being exposed to this material contorts and corrupts the ideal. Defining the ideal ruins it. Discussing a corruption of something that is meant to be exploded or just very simply ignored. It really makes you sound stupid after awhile. There's nothing there but the clinging.

What pornography do you choose? Where do you draw taste? You're not investigating every facet and application, every act and performer, or are you?

I like seeing adults putting genitals into and over their mouths. Women acting more and more like gay men. Like old gay men. Younger girls with older men. It all is representative, all the different things you just listed, all the lapsed and secondary versions and arguments, are all rooted in old men sticking their cocks into the mouths of younger women. Girls, women, don't deserve it. And if they think they do, they're found to be completely wrong. When you view the proof. Not when you deconstruct the language. The records are clear. They are ugly people acting as if they're not smart enough to look elsewhere.

Can you talk about a replacement?

This. Cigarettes. Turn her around. Do you know that part?

I'd like to say no and not risk giving you any room to be merely theoretical.

The size of his hands. I've seen them. It had to be like kneading bread.

Could you not ignore the bruises?

I saw them. My tiger....

What was that like for you yesterday?

I mean, everything happened so fast that for everybody to be sending all these letters, and the vigil outside our home was just beautiful. And that, really, I just felt like I had to give them something back because they gave us so much. Do you think I owe them something? I gave them enough. They want more.

Why the Crystal Cathedral?

Because it's beautiful. Because it means so much to the community. It's very much part of our community. And...

Is it your church?

No, no. I'm not affiliated with any church. But the Reverend Schuller was kind enough to open it to us, and respect my wishes of it being a multi-denominational event, because we were getting letters in Arabic, in Hebrew and every possible language under the sun. And I'm still trying to find people to read them to me. And people think I speak Spanish, and I barely do. But I am trying very hard to read them all.

And you had everyone come to you, right? Mormon missionaries came...

Oh, absolutely.

They all came.

Absolutely. Everybody from every denomination, from every ethnic background.

And do you think that was the uniqueness of this little girl?

I think so.

Just the way she looked, and the way it was presented.

Her spirit, because she was the kind of kid everybody says... that even people who didn't like children loved her. But I'm not settled with that. I know what I hear. How can you not look at what happened and hear what happened and see, you know, his hands. Not want to see more. See what he did. Learn his excuses. Get him to be as smart as me and just fucking speak clearly, what did it feel like. I would never say what he's tired of hearing, I'm sure. Because I am as well. This: Did you not think of what you were doing. I could teach the filthy stupid cocksucker. This is what you didn't know. This is where you were. What's wrong with you is not what has happened to you. And all this noise since; don't you dare regret a thing. Don't insult yourself. You don't owe me a fucking thing. You can talk to me like you could talk to yourself like no one else in the world would understand. I'm not making demands. I couldn't. You, actually, have no sense to make. And I'm wrong for insisting, I can't barter with you. I'd like to enjoy the material. How does that work? You don't have to help me, you don't have to make yourself feel better over what happened, especially not in the rules and therapies that these greater in number fools are going to expect you to grasp from so low. There's nothing there. if I have a reason to bother you, it's that you can enjoy it. I saw this film. I know what you thought was exciting. Has that changed? It has for me.

She was extraordinarily beautiful.

She was. She is.

Isn't she, still?

You can still see her.

You must wonder. It must be excruciating.

I want to see the photos for just this reason. One of the reasons. I think she's gorgeous. And,

yes, I try to imagine her as an adult.

How would she have impressed you?

How can I say. I want her to be happy. I want her to experience life. It sounds cruel now. Ugly. I feel like I'm supposed to dirty her up in some way. I wish pornography didn't exist. It sounds like such a stupid thing to say. He took pictures. There's nothing I can do about that. I need to understand why that featured so prominently.

You know you could say that you didn't need to see the pictures. You can talk yourself into it. How could you not?

I've tried to see myself in her at that age. I think that's an answer. It may be inadequate as a lesson but it's an answer that, no matter what, does allow me to do what I do. Which is not to only carry on. Not to only grieve or suffer through life on medication and sympathy. I don't think I've made a hard decision. I think I'm lazy. I think I'm supposed to be. Which is the best way to enjoy anything. It doesn't come naturally, It doesn't come with approval. I refuse to work this back into my life. I don't want the life I had before. I don't have it. I could say I was wrong. You could say whatever and it doesn't make any difference. It isn't therapy. And I've worked hard on where the work is shown. I don't open it up to just anyone. I can't play those games. You're lucky I do this. You can't question my motives. You sound ridiculous when you do. Just slightly worse than when you tell me I've done this shit to offer a voice to the other helpless filth. It isn't therapy for me, how dare you find it therapeutic. You have to be sick. Don't, just don't, okay?

You have footage of young men getting sucked. You just show their faces. Were you looking for agency? The desire, the careful dream work, all that is outwardly visible when inwardly mining a small trail for what some call ecstasy?

Is that what you think?

I'm guessing you have more of a reason...

I'm interested in what you like too.

I doubt that, frankly. There's too much of you in the work to be bothered or even tolerant of all possible interpretations. Here's your chance. What do you get out of that. You had to edit alot of footage to just have those dumb faces.

Dumb faces pressed up against wood. Filming what happens in booths never captures what's happening. I didn't want to capture anything like that. I wanted stills of what it would be like to just get sucked on while pushing your face up against dirty plywood. It's beyond mechanical. Literally, beyond. It can't be reduced or siphoned to sex. It makes perfect sense to have these people in church.

Now, what gives you this strength? This strength to be even a little ebullient, to come here?

Yes. People have basically told me that I need to talk to them. By reaching out to me, I feel like I have a duty to reach out to them. By being put in this position, I feel like this is my opportunity to make something out of my baby's death; that this gives it some purpose, that we will hopefully save some babies' lives... I think they need to see my face. Simple as that. There's the unbreakable truth that it will be photos of me, crying or arguing and shouting, thinking painfully and tortured, pensive, stupid. And below my picture will be text delineating what happened to my baby. And indirectly to me. It is pornography. On a finer, more challenging but much more direct manner. My face, their words, and my baby with all her hair, smiling in sunnier hopeful days as the consistent backdrop. That noise doesn't get quiet. Ever. It screams and yet you have my face. I think they want to see

that. And, at this age, not only in this position, I do want to become that pornography. Pornography might have caused this. Might have let this happen. Might have allowed these thoughts to be followed through. But I don't campaign against it. I think there should be more. I'm not throwing my hands up and giving in, I don't, frankly, see this as a struggle. I have to create it because you can't leave it to the shitheads who it is always left to.

We'll talk about that.

... educate some people.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in a creator, absolutely. Whatever you name him.

I mean, do you have any thoughts as to where Samantha is? Do you have feelings that she might be somewhere, a feeling of spirit? Is it too soon?

I felt her when she went. I felt her when she went.

Explain.

Oh, I was instantly just freezing.

Really?

I chilled, and chattering teeth and blinding light. I just knew.

No kidding?

I couldn't accept it, of course. It was before anybody knew.

This was before you were told?

Oh yes. Oh yes. But I had a sense. And I think that that gave me strength, because I'm very spiritual, but I don't define it, and I don't like to articulate it because I think the faiths are here for everyone for a reason. I believe that everyone has their own way of grieving, their own faith.

I want to believe you. Still, you know how this will sound, don't you? Do you think your detractors might be right? That you're desperate? From the ones that don't like the way you're handling things to the others who think art needs to be seen sympathetically first? That, say, you talking about magical incidents are evidence of you being broken and searching and... just very, very sad.

Do what you like. I like hearing these bits. I like using the names and part of being a mother of a murdered, raped and pornographied child has to have this element to it. The faggots I surround myself with certainly don't understand what it's like to be a mother. To have a child. I can't say it was ever a good decision. I can't speak for health, heaven or whatever else is framed as inelegantly. But I can tell you this. You have the film. And you can do what you like with it. You're bound to get it all wrong. I find that nauseating if I choose to think about it enough. I've read such stupid reports. Reports that put the avant garde in direct consort with the idiot self-help reachers and unreasonable mothers. These ghetto charitables. I ignore them. I'm not trying to offend people with the correct intentions. I don't know what those intentions are, however. We're certainly not all in this together.

Erin, who did tell you?

Who did tell me?

Was it the sheriff?

Gosh, I don't even remember the face that told me.

It was a face, not a phone call?

No, it was not a phone call. Absolutely not. No, actually, we were at the sheriff's office.

Oh, you were there?

Yes, yes. And they came in and told us.

Did you know it before – you said you knew it before you knew it?

Yes.

Did you know it when they walked in?

No. No.

You had to hear it, though?

Yes, yes. Yes. You had to hear it. Nothing prepares you for it. Nothing.

How are her two brothers doing?

Her older brother has some trouble with it. He knows what's happened. And he's had some breakdowns, but he's doing OK. The younger brother, his play has started to involve not-good things, but he seems to be dealing OK with it.

And how, Brenda, do you explain it to them?

Derrick knows that Danielle's missing, and he knows that – I really believe that he knows what's going on. Darren does not know what's going on. I just said both their names! And...

We know what you're going through, so don't worry about any little...

He just asks when she's going to come home. He said, Mommy, I thought we lived in a safe neighborhood; and I said, so did I. And I explained to them that there are more good people in the world than bad people, and I just hope they believe that.

Getting through that service, what – how did you – how were you – self-examine yourself. How were you able, do you think, to do that?

It's all about sex, isn't it?

Yes. It is. There's a definition to that word we'll have to narrow down. This is related, don't think I'm being tacky: What do you miss most about her?

Samantha. She was...

She made you...

Yes. She used to write notes to everybody, be brave, be brave. That was her motto; that was her

personal motto. And I have a duty to respect that and do the best I can to stay up.

I understand. Any time you're feeling trouble, we'll take a break. This is...

Thank you.

We're here to learn.

You were not married to her father, right?

No, no.

And he was not close to his daughter?

No, no. He sent her presents every holiday, birthdays, that sort of thing, he sent her a package. But he hadn't spoken to her or anything. I went to Massachusetts just before her second birthday and found him and let her see him for a day.

So she knew she had a daddy?

Yes, absolutely. And I read the letters that he wrote to her. I read them to her. And I just explained to her that he was not ready to be in her life right now; that if he could, he would.

Did you inform him, or did some other people inform him?

I actually did.

You called?

Yes, yes. My hope, of course, because the vast majority of abductions are estranged parents. So of course my instant hope was that...

He took her.

He took her, because I knew that she'd be alive. So the worst call was when he called me back. That was the worst call.

And then you had to tell him she died? How did he deal with that, as a removed father?

He was devastated. He was devastated.

Did he tell you what he loved about her?

She was his daughter. No...

Do you think he would have gotten to know her?

In time?

Yes.

I don't know. I don't know.

He doesn't miss what you do. Do you think that's a problem?

For him or me?

What I'm trying to get at, is there's a physical space. Almost an aggravation. That, I'm wondering, if.. or how... How is that tolerable? It doesn't let up. It's different for others – whether it's the absent father or the well intentioned public. Or ill-intentioned that simply can't give greater weight to a permanent loss than a sexual need or impulse. I want to know what you miss the most about her, if that's not too difficult. I think it's an important question. And I'll tell you where it comes from if you want to hear it.

No, I understand. I miss her voice. She's so tiny. She would look up at me. It's heartbreaking. She had a very precious... which is suddenly a truly terrible word... she had a small squeaky, squeezed voice. A girl's voice that was too big for her little body. And her body seemed to compact the voice. You'd ask her a question and if you got a thought moment before, you'd get a yes or no afterwards. And it was darling. It truly called out for a hug. No matter if she was doing something wrong or great. It was always just overwhelmingly cute. And precious. Definitely. The word works. I just wasn't able to save her, shield her, keep it close and precious. Let me ask you: You think I don't know why he would take pictures of her?

You don't think he singled her out because she was prettier than most girls her age, do you? Is that what you're saying?

I kept the family photos I had in a shoebox. After she died, I didn't think keeping them in a shoebox was appropriate. There's nothing there that makes sense. They're just photos. But the way I'm going to look at them, the way I keep them, that isn't hard to understand. That is no great surprise. It is pathetic. But I don't think anyone will think it's obscure.

Is she a standout?

I'm seeing younger and younger girls now. I look to see what's available. I like the prettier girls. The ego gratification that's pushed forward. The girls who aren't making themselves uglier. Not ready to be farce yet. Showing off. Primarily that they're young and special. The ones that dance like they know they're better looking than most of their typical, chaste, frightened friends. At school, they can't act like that.

I don't wonder if she could have become a working housewife or what. Who gives a fuck? You could see it sometimes. She hated men. I won't go further with that, not where you want me to. Look at the difference in the way she and her sister dressed. Her sister would apologize for her being such a tomboy. And then. The truth is she was easier to get to, you know? She was the one that bore the violent frustration of two very different men. Only two if you don't include the audience for the photographs or the audience for the news. One little boy with a baseball bat who had a crush on her sister. Who enjoyed teasing him. And another larger man with nothing but frontal lobe sex blockage. I won't blur it all. I want them together and finely sutured. Not melted and mixed down to shades of black. I'm not settled with a difference between pornography and art as something that ends with a cum or a quiz. If the work breathes, extends itself, then they're pornography. No physical component at all. Art is an insult in that case. You don't fuck. Especially someone you like. Or care about. At some point. Someone who really loves you should ask you to just stop. And you'd want to do that for them. It wouldn't be difficult.

Did Samantha ask you to stop having sex? Indiscriminate sex or just stop doing it the way you have been?

I'd like to be able to confidently say that I'm dumping everything back on to her. All that is reduced and thin and grotesque about facile emotions and their bodily applications is wholly in her little face. I don't have the truth of her face and growing sentences, childish grasps at pure sense. Whatever is lessened and degrading has to be poured all over her. Her dead now body. Her pretty face contorted around a fat sweating arrest minded and brutish erection. It's all because of her. I do want

to blame her. And I can. I want to make her real and everything else fake. This does happen, it can get done. So much human imbecility and vulgarity directly due to her and the few years she had. If there's a truer concept of the creator, it is definitely her. She's stood in front of anything who would have made her up to the point where she was stopped.

Was she the little baby sister?

She was Page's little baby sister. Drove her crazy, yes. And she was Conner's best friend, really.

Yes?

Yes. She gave him courage and cheered him on, straightened him up and fixed his shirt when it was out. Took care of him.

Was she a healthy baby?

Very, very.

No problems getting to five, no...

No, no.

She would have been six tomorrow?

Yes. Yes.

Did you have a party planned?

Yes.

Was it for tomorrow?

Yes. Going to her favorite restaurant with Sarah, actually, her best friend...

Tell me about her.

I don't think I can. I'll tell you about something else. Which will be me talking about exactly what's happened. I can longer look at children if they aren't being harmed in some, preferably sexual, way. What I've done. Not what has been done to me. Is that I search for what is sexual in these children. There is nothing. They have to have it foisted onto them. You put them in a drama club. That's ultimately where they're going. So I only see them and listen to their sweet high voices and innocent clumsiness, their wretched precious attempts at lying and demanding, and I've been able to see it all as sexual. In that as soon as their clothes are taken off and they are penetrated somehow, somewhere. Nothing else makes worthwhile sense to me. What would the point be. I know that her best friend saw what happened to her. She's been very carefully guarded from the facts that a 5-year-old would be kept from. But she saw this huge man snatch up my baby in the middle of playtime. Saw my baby shriek and cry and scream for help. Now she's not here. Not available to play with her. So the time where Sarah misses her friend and selfish play wasting time, she's flooded with thoughts that won't make images until she hits teenage. She's been whitewashed. And my interaction with her has to stay minimal. Because I know what's going to happen as well as what really did happen. Let me put these thoughts in your adult cock waving mind. This is what fits and what doesn't. And it wasn't you. And you can put your fingers down here and spread them apart to open yourself up to make it a little easier. But, really, that's not what finished or started there, is it? She was broken in two. And her spine cracked because of the violence which was sexual. He only knew where to stick it. Where it had to go. And the wrestling must have started with fear, tumbling,

quivering uncontainable terror and ended in hideous mind blacking pain. Nothing is worth that, I tell myself. I could tell Sarah. I can't tell the animal working up his hard-on. Sarah? What a trooper.

The girl who witnessed it, right? The sheriff at this show said she solved this crime for him.

Yes, yes. She and Samantha together.

She and Samantha together.

Yes, yes.

Is this like a good-bye?

Yes, it will be our good-bye, our personal good-bye.

A lot of people wonder looking at you where the anger is. Is there anger?

I have very little room for anger, very little room. It's all hurt. It's all sadness. And I don't – I just... How do I begin to describe the impact that my daughter's murder has had on me and my life? You might think it would be obvious that I am devastated, shattered, heartbroken and permanently scarred. And yes, you would be right. I am all of those things but there is so much more. Nothing I can say could accurately describe the pain that I feel, or help you comprehend what I feel. You will never know the sensation of having an actual physical part of your soul ripped out, leaving a raw hole that can never be filled again by anything, but Maddie's laughing, living and holding her in my arms. You might see me surrounded by my friends and my family who are completely devoted to me. You might see me laugh with these people, perform daily functions like gardening and cooking dinner or even socializing. But none of these things or people fill the empty, aching hollow in my heart in the very core of my being. No one or nothing can comfort me when all I want to hear is Maddie's little voice, when I try to remember what her hair smelled like, or when I hugged her or kissed her sleeping at night. No one or nothing can help me dry her little legs or toes like I did at bath time. No one can look up at me with those big brown eyes. Pictures and memories, that's all I have of my little girl, Maddie. That's all I have left.

How many children asked their third grade teacher permission to call themselves Giggles on their class work? Maddie did and it fit her so well that even her seasoned teacher would not refuse her sincere request. Maddie was constantly laughing, I mean to tell you she was constantly giggling, laughing, effervescent. She found constant joy in life, even in the smallest and seemingly insignificant things. Like collecting rocks or wearing my glasses. Maddie had laughter in her voice when she'd say 'Hello, Daddy.' You could just see the exclamation points follow the words that she spoke. And her Daddy would respond, 'Hello, Maddie, my laddie,' with a joy in his voice that is no longer there. That joy was taken away when Maddie was killed.

Maddie's joy of love and life showed in all that she did, from catching minnows to riding her go-cart, playing with her friends and playing basketball, dancing in the studio at a recital or even tap-dancing in our kitchen. Practicing her piano or playing in the playground at PE in class, talking to our neighbors and spending time with her grandmothers. Rescuing lost animals, playing pretend with Jessica, her sister. Or dreaming what she would be when she grew up.

I'll never see Maddie play again. I will never see Maddie fulfill her dreams. I will never kiss her again, say I love you, or allow her to go out to play ever again. Thank you.

Do you look with hatred on the alleged perpetrator?

I don't. I don't look at him at all. I try not to look at him.

We will try to express the impact of having our 8-year-old daughter murdered. The murder that was cruel and senseless and took Maddie from us all. After nine years of marriage my wife, Sheila, and I decided the time is right to begin a family. There were many things to take into consideration. We agreed that we wanted more than one child, we wanted them baptized into the Catholic Church

and we thought that it was important for Sheila to stop working and stay at home until the children were old enough to begin school. We decided to enroll them in San Jose Catholic School in our neighborhood. We thought they would receive a better education and that the school would instill in them better values so lacking in todays public schools system. We also wanted our children to know Jesus Christ in their lives.

Jessica Catherine was born on March 20, 1987.

She was a happy, healthy baby and after two years we decided to have another baby.

Madelyn Rae was born on June 17, 1990, on our wedding anniversary and Father's Day. Our lives now revolved around raising our two beautiful, talented and happy children. Our world was shattered on Nov. 3, 1998. Maddie left the front door to play with her friends in the neighborhood and vanished. After an agonizing week-long search, she was found. Murdered by one of those friends, Joshua Phillips.

Jessica recalls that on one occasion, Maddie described Joshua as one of her best friends.

When we consider the impact of Maddie's murder, we first think of our daughter, Jessica.

Maddie and Jessie were very close. They were best friends, although there were moments of sibling rivalry. Maddie and Jessica loved each other very much. They did everything together, from going to school to practicing piano, to playing with friends in the neighborhood. They especially enjoyed sleeping together on weekends.

What impact will this loss have on Jessie? She will never again have her sister on this earth to play with, to confide in or to share the joys of life. Jessica will never again hear her nickname, Sissy, which both sisters called each other. She will never again be able to cheer her sister on in a basketball game. Jessica will not experience the friendship of growing together with her sister, helping each other with homework, going to dances, talking about boys or attending each other's wedding. Jessica's future children have lost a loving aunt long before they were ever even born. This murder will have an everlasting effect on Jessica's life.

What effect does this murder have on the lives of Sheila and me? This is without a doubt the hardest thing we have ever had to deal with in our life. We had such great dreams for Maddie as we still have for Jessie. We so looked forward to watching her grow and mature into a young woman. We knew that she had so much to offer the world. This murder has put an enormous strain on the entire family. We are grieving in our own way and trust that our faith in God will get us through this tragedy.

We didn't consider the impact of this murder on Maddie's friends. After her death, Maddie's classmates were asked to write letters remembering Maddie, but other's told of Maddie's qualities, including her willing helpfulness to others, her abilities in sports, how treasured her friendship was and how she will never be forgotten. We can see the loss, the pain and sorrow, in the eyes of her schoolmates. Maddie had many friends in school, in her dance studio at the YMCA and in our neighborhood. Our neighbors have lost forever the joy of watching Maddie run, play and laugh. Maddie was a very spiritual 8-year-old girl who knew Jesus and had a lot of love in her heart. She was always so apologetic if she thought she had hurt someone's feelings.

Maddie had the world at her feet and could have been anything she put her mind to be. In an autobiography Maddie did at school, she wrote that she wanted to be a drummer, a basketball player or an optometrist. Maddie also loved piano and dance. It amazed us how she could go from a basketball game with her kneepads and wristbands to a dance recital with a white leotard and tutu and wear the same great smile. Maddie was a very competitive young girl who loved to win, yet knew how to lose as well, congratulating her opponent while letting them know she would be ready next time. Maddie also loved the outdoors. She especially loved snow skiing in West Virginia, camping, swimming, tubing and knee boarding behind our boat and fishing with her dad. I will sorely miss the times we spent together, fishing and talking, just her and me. Joshua Phillips took many things from us all when he took Maddie. The fact that he hid Maddie from us for so long, he took something else from me. I wanted desperately to see Maddie before she was buried. The funeral director said too much time had passed. But I did not want to remember Maddie that way. I could not say goodbye to her, I could not kiss her, or hold her. They told me she was in that casket, but I could not see her.

Why did Joshua Phillips take Maddie from us?

Did he not care that we loved her? That she was his friend?

And we were told that you don't even want to discuss what should happen to him.

Absolutely not.

That's – whatever the authorities want to do, you won't even give them input.

No, no. The district attorney has my complete faith and our judicial process is going to have to do better this time. And I think it will. I think it will. All Joshua thought about was himself. He could have saved her, but he was worried that he might get into trouble. There's no reason for what Joshua has done. Nothing can be done to bring Maddie back to us. We will never know what she could have accomplished on this earth. We must try to go on with our lives. Every day Maddie is in our minds and in our hearts. And one day we will be together again in paradise. We expect the findings of this court to remain always in effect. We expect Joshua Phillips to remain in prison for the rest of his life for the murder of Madelyn Rae Clifton.

To Joshua Phillips we have but one thing to say: How dare you? How dare you take Maddie from us for no reason? She was a beautiful gift from God, to us all, and your friend, and you brutally murdered her. May God rest your soul. Thank you.

Where do you go?

I took her to my house.

Into your bedroom?

Yes sir, through that ladder you have.

Through your bedroom window?

Yes sir.

What happens next?

Then I sexually assaulted her. She's a very polite girl. She's very, very polite. I mean, I wonder why I did some stupid stuff like that in the first place. I was going to let her go. I got scared. And I didn't let her go. I should have let her go and I didn't.

What happened?

I got scared. I mean, because you all, and everybody showed up. And I just didn't know and panicked. And I... The first time they came around, if they would have came in, they would have caught her in my closet. They didn't search. They said they searched the house, but they didn't search the house the first time.

Did she know that we were out there looking for her?

Yes, she knew. I told her you all were – you know, I told her you all – I said they're out looking for you and she seen it on TV, too.

What happened next?

That's just – I went out there one night and dug a hole, and put her in it, buried her. I pushed – I put her in a plastic bag, plastic baggies.

Was she dead already?

No, she was still alive. I buried her alive. Like, it's stupid, but she suffered.

Did you have sex with her?

Yes, I had intercourse with her.

Vaginal sex?

Sir?

Did you put your penis inside her vagina?

Yes, sir, yes.

What did she – how did she get her clothes off?

I told her to take them off.

You told her to take – she took them off?

Yes, she tried to put them back on, I told her leave them off.

OK.

She put them back on. I just – you know, I had intercourse with her.

Her friend is with her, right? School is out. Was she – had she started school yet? Was she in preschool or...

Oh, no. She had just finished first grade.

She had finished – at five?

Yes. Yes.

Not bad.

No, she was impressive.

Did you see her go out in the yard? What happened?

I was at work. Ken was at work. And Grandma was there. And Samantha often played in the courtyard with all the children.

And all the children were around?

I have to assume so. I wasn't there. Really, I don't even know the whole story because if it wasn't in a press conference, I didn't watch it. Shall I tell you how this all started?

I thought you were.

I had seen some artwork a long time ago. It was a collage of a naked boy sitting on a pool table and around this wonderful image, there were news clippings of murders committed by young boys. The artist could have picked children that were murdered but he instead selected boys that had

been caught up in murder. It was a revelation of sorts. Very sexual. The interest of the artist was clear. He was fucking what was inside the boys rather than fucking what the boys fucked much more ineptly. It was very exciting. I had forgotten about the impact of the piece until later when I thought I was doing my own work. That my interests had progressed to this point entirely on their own. Where I was creating something I hadn't seen before. I won't give you the name of the artist. Because I owe him that. I'm being more respectful of him than I would the actual or remote victims and their blind foolish fans and puffed protectors. He alone deserves that. He's in jail and I'm hoping I'm doing the right thing. It's completely true and I should make the artwork available but I won't. He doesn't belong in jail and I've written about him before.

I think he might be the boy on the pool table. I should be clear. He's a young man on the table. He may be of legal age or just slightly younger. I love that with boys that age, that thin, hung, you don't do as well determining legality. His work was published in various places and he was actively involved in making pornography. That's what he's in jail for. I've met some of the boys he was fucking since they were very young. I watched them age into faggy nonentities. Just amazing access. I'm very grateful.

I can't approach that. I tried. I make lesser versions of that. But I know what I do that's different as well. Which makes better art than what he did. I don't think he should have been fooled by the sensual, performative aspect of what was available. This sounds like defense. That life is meant to be experienced rather than theoretical or dreamed. And I wish it was true. However, the actual fact of the matter is if I allowed the work that I do to be any sort-of replication of an act, the work wouldn't be worth doing. That's the argument, a central, highly charged argument, that I get from the collectors of child pornography. The Wonderland and alike cases. So much of what I do is about masturbation. But it isn't masturbation. The final product is not a record of the process or the result of experiments. It doesn't build to a climax, physical or dramatic. It's in what is there in front of me. Not in aesthetics either. It's simply more exciting, more real, than flesh and penetration. It isn't near as removed as the psychologists would have it positioned. At least as far as I know.

How often do you masturbate?

I don't worry about it. I don't know. I rarely work up to the point where I have to cum. I'm certain this makes sense but I rarely find it believed. How often do you have to fuck someone and how often do you jerk off?

The men I have sex with are only masturbating. I'm the same. The company isn't worth worrying about, really. There's the point where I watch someone jerk off and I want to put my mouth on it or slide my ass down over it. And there's the point where as soon as I take my cock out of my pants, no matter where I am, that I no longer care about pushing it in front or into someone. I'm ready to get the job done, as it where, but I'm also far more aware that the excitement is predicated on the exposure. I started doing this with children and also with adults. Men in bars, children who couldn't see me until it was too late, prostitutes. I've asked tranny hookers to work up hard-ons just so I could rub my erection over them. Their wax faces, misshapen femalia, long cocks. Too many niggers, too much dysmorphia. Ugly people that are assuming, accepting, that you find them pretty. I don't see it as that much of a stretch to masturbate over pictures. I'm of the mind that pictures displaying women are better than women displaying women. Men, I'm always fucking myself. Which doesn't mean projection. I'm simply masturbating. Which isn't ever simple, is it?

There's no question that it's pornography. All you have to look at is how it's saved. Doesn't matter if you jerk off.

Do you want to be a man?

I want to be a mother of a murdered child who has sex with men. It would be better to be a man in such a position.

Fathers talk about ownership. Mothers about their bodies. Generally. They seem to want to

convey that it is a part of themselves that is missing. Men sound as if they've been robbed, stolen from.

And the idea that you could go home from court, after your repulsive idiot impact statement and make another Sarah. I liked getting fucked. I don't want to be the one sticking it in or lapping it down. They can push all sorts of things in my ass, it doesn't have to be a hard cock. I want to know what gets them hard. And if it's the way I wiggle my ass and then spread it open and tell them not to use a condom but just piss their cum directly into it, I swear, one faggot will not be enough. You want a group. You want a crowd waiting for their chance. Fucking monkeys, gorillas, white near-niggers with just enough extra brain cells to push everything else offered aside. This is the mother of a child that I should be home with, right? Just be gentle, just stick your tip to the hole and masturbate the shaft. When you're starting to cum, you can stick it inside, use the cum as lube, just push it in and stop those little pulses and throbs. You can understand that I can't separate the rapists from the daughter diddlers and boy suckers and the fat old lonely queens. How fucking stupid I'd have to be. They're all the same, right?

I can assure you that they are not, in fact.

No, I know that. Sex makes them the same. That's what I'm getting at. I despise the looking for individuality while the mentality is singular. I'm right in not accepting this.

There are videos of me having sex. They should have a video of me pregnant. Not without me knowing. What would I do, stripped and bloated with this child. How do I protect her here? What did I do to prepare?

Your father giving handjobs.

Someone dressed like a gymnast. Like the gymnast daughter that the little boy wanted more than what he got. This isn't child pornography. It's dripping with concern. I should shut the fuck up. I am letting them talk. There's not a single contradiction.

TV footage playing in the background. I despise the idea that there will always be a subtext. Something that wouldn't be clear immediately. Pretentious and unimportant and winking at people who think they appreciate the work but do anything they can to show you that they are not.

You're tired of getting ripped off? Basically being stolen from, robbed? You're trying so hard to simplify everything.

Not at all. Let them talk about it that way. Knock yourself out.

You wonder if she could have had the same troubles as you. You'd have to make an attempt to get right at some point.

My ultimate goal in life now is to be what he is. It is about sharing your life with someone else. Before I met Rick, I was straight, but now I am gay. I've obscured the photos. Sometimes it doesn't work. I wanted these pictures to be text. Not about text. I've come back to the pictures but the idea was to place the words, the different articles, very brief, end to end. Take pictures of the text. Not put them into a different context or document a running theme. I don't have to make these mine, the collection already is. There's no extra emphasis. You can't stop there. The words really are beautiful. I want to make that again.

It isn't about photographs. It's a long record of emotional distress. Do you think it would be better if you concentrated on one person? So that it wouldn't seem that you're struggling to come to grips with a tortured or troubled psyche? That you are being harmed? Over sensitive? Desperate in any case. The scattershot approach tends to lend itself to your particular obsession and the pain that causes or that you ultimately can't define and escape.

It's only an obsession to those who don't belong there. The information is inside the text and not taken as a whole. It is not a collection of random ideas underneath a single stupid headline. Each story becomes flat. But the interest isn't in making it that way. It's carefully chosen throughout a life but allowed to speak for itself. The applications are inadequate, it is not – essentially – a collection. I let, I want, these slights to interview me. I answer them. And I squeeze the questions out of them. They don't ask the right questions to anybody else. I've proved that but not settled with it. This isn't about what they give me. I don't think it's about what I take from them. There's an incredible amount of cases, facts, cheap information fucking worthless, misfires, that are forgotten by the time I come back to it. It doesn't exist as thought or fodder. I have to write it down. Keep it all constant. Create the timeline that will not ever be sequential.

How are you holding up, Brenda? How do you – I mean, we can empathize, sympathize here. How do you – what is it like minute-to-minute?

It's very hard. Every day has been different for me emotionally. I take time in the morning to let everything out. And I do that alone in my room; I don't want my children seeing too much of that coming out of me. And I just scream and cry into my pillow and pray that somebody will see this. And if Danielle sees this, I want to tell her that I love her. You are my best friend. Everybody is here waiting for you. We want you to come home. So if somebody does have you, please just ask them to let you go, and tell them you want to be with your family.

Damon, how do you – we know about daddies and daughters.

Yes, she's my sweet little angel, and I love her so much. And I'll be OK when I have all day when I have something to do to try and get her back. The nights are hard though.

You jump when the phone rings?

Definitely. The phone rang in the middle of the night one night, and I jumped up so fast I immediately got a headache from the blood rushing through my body.

Damon, has the press been around a lot? Are they outside the house? Are they a bother or a help?

The press have been great, too. They've been outside the house a lot. We can't go outside. But they have not been harassing us; and they've been great about it. They haven't hammered us with anything. We've done a couple announcements to them. They've been very helpful. All you guys have been great.

We appreciate it so much.

You didn't watch no television.

No.

Even while "where is she" was going on?

No, no. The sheriff's department was wonderful to me, and they came and briefed me before they ever spoke to the public so that I didn't have to watch anything if I didn't want to. And I watched the press conferences and would turn it off the second any commentary began.

Are you surprised that she screamed?

No, I'm not. Absolutely not. She fought, and I know she did. She was my tiger. That's why I called her that, my little tiger.

Had you discussed that with her, if a stranger comes over?

Yes. And she had been through the sheriff's department's program through the schools.

Oh, really?

Yes. Kick, bite, scream. She knew it all. She did everything right. She just didn't have a shot.

No. And she heard about a puppy, right?

Yes. And she even had the composure to tell Sarah to go tell my Grandma as he is carrying her. And she's a very strong kid.

All right, for a physical description – you're holding a picture there, aren't you, of Danielle?

Yes, actually, we had scheduled a trip to Italy this Saturday, and they did last-minute passport photos. This photo was taken the day before she disappeared – that Friday it was taken. She just got her hair cut. So all the videos and other pictures running of her have longer hair, but this is the latest photo.

Her hair is now shoulder-length.

It is shoulder-length now. And she is a second...

Yes it is.

... grader, right? Second grader. She's four feet tall. She weighs fifty-eight pounds. The hair is dirty blonde.

We've seen the pajamas.

And she always has the necklace on that's in the picture. And we had just recently been to Disney World, and she has Mickey Mouse earrings in with blue stones on them.

Damon, your neighborhood is, what, a suburban, nice neighborhood?

Yes, nice little suburban neighborhood.

Never any trouble like this in the neighborhood? Never heard of anything like this before?

Nothing like this. All the kids play in the streets all the time. The school is right down the hill; all the kids walk to school. You know, all the parents are involved. Everybody knows everybody. Everybody has come out since and has been very helpful in the neighborhood.

Brenda, have Danielle's friends come by?

Danielle's friends have written cards to her; I'm saving them for her. And they've brought little gifts to her. And I think that's good for them, because it's a way for them to get out their frustrations. Her whole class has written her.

Who calls you? You were at work. Who called you?

My mother. My mother called me.

Is it important for you to believed?

Of course.

.. that this guy was on the street?

Absolutely.

What else?

That I want to do this. That I'm not looking for some cunt to say that I've taken on a very difficult subject and that I deserve credit for merely that. The same way I don't give a rat's for the excuses these ditch level creeps repeat. They sound exactly like the victim impact statements. I'm not picking one side over the other. Poor dears, the disgusting boatload of them. I'm talking about sex. About specific moments of excitement, as silly and bloated as all that is. Consistently. I'm not pointing my finger at some fat cunt and saying get this, first. And then.... I don't think you can separate me from the work anymore.

When I was little I wanted a baby sister, so one day my parents told me I was going to be a big sister. I was so happy. I wanted to help them with everything before she was born. Like helping Mom make her room even though I was only three or four years old. When she came I was so excited about it, I remember I always wanted to hold her. I got to once and I threw her across the room to my Mom after about three seconds.

We grew up playing with boys in the neighborhood so I think that is why she was a tomboy. The worse day of my life was November third when she became missing. At first I jumped on my bike and went to every house in the neighborhood and asked them if they had seen Maddie. But they had not. I went down to the Texaco and they said they had not seen her so I came back home and my Mom called the police. She told me that they would be there soon. When the police got there the search began. First I thought we would find her but when days passed it became scarier and scarier. We searched all over until we found her November tenth. I remember coming downstairs from my room and everyone was crying and I asked why they were crying and my Mom said that we had found Maddie but that she was not alive. My mother told me where they had found her and I thought why, why would Josh do anything like that. At first I was mad at him but I remembered a verse in the bible that you should forgive a person for what they had done. Somewhere I will find that forgiveness. Why would Josh do this to Maddie? Why Maddie, an innocent little girl? I guess Maddie was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Something worse could have happened too, like if we had both walked outside and we would have both gotten killed. I do not know why God wanted to take Maddie so early in her life. Now that Maddie is gone I am very sad. I think sometimes that my children will not have an aunt, Maddie will not get to be basketball player or a drummer and an eye doctor, either. It is very hard to tell people what I feel about the fact that she is gone. I have found out that I am a very strong person and I have helped my parents through this tragic thing that has happened. I miss playing with her and having fun together. We had our good times and our bad times. I remember when she would be scared of somebody breaking into our house and taking us or other things, so I would let her come and sleep with me. I can tell when Maddie is in the room watching over me and I am thankful that she is. You would never think that this would happen to you, but it did to us. My priest said at church that good things will come of it and some have, but some things have not.

I believe that a lot of good things and bad things will come out of this. I don't know why God wanted Maddie to leave so early in her life, but we all have to learn to accept that.

So you don't blame him?

No, I blame every juror who let him go, every juror who sat on that trial and believed this man over those little girls, I will never understand. And that is why he was out. And that is why his sickness was allowed to do this. I've learned what they want. How can you not hate them. It's about jealousy. They have exactly what I'm trying to find and they refuse, purely obstinate, to indulge it. To

even set foot near it. They're liars, of course.

You got the details of that trial.

I haven't even read the details.

Now what it – they didn't buy the statements of the kids?

Apparently not. Apparently not. And in California, that's all you have to do, is believe the kid.

Samantha's little friend may have to testify.

Maybe. Maybe.

That's not going to be easy.

No. I don't know anything about that.

So, your anger is at the jury for letting him out?

Yes. Yes.

So you want, somehow, the systems changed. We don't know the details of the trial.

No. I want people to realize that, you know, you're talking about children. You know, we have preconceived notions of little girls and how they might put themselves in this situation and – these are kids. These are kids. They don't lie about this sort of thing. You know? And...

Kids are good eyewitnesses to events is what you're saying, maybe better than adults.

Yes, they are. They are. They are terribly honest. They are brutally honest. We all know that from all of our little kids saying embarrassing things to people. They don't lie unless they're taught to.

They have imaginations, right?

They have imaginations, absolutely.

They imagine friends that aren't there and they go fight enemies that aren't around and they think about being in beauty contests if they're little girls...

But they don't think about having horrible things happen to them.

They steal.

They all do.

What is a wasted life?

Fair enough. I don't think there's a way to prevent this. You have to let your children be the people that they are, and there's no sense in boarding them up. That doesn't make any sense. That's no life. But what they can do is children who are molested, trust the system to get them help immediately. Because they have to have that evidence. They have to.

Listen to the children.

Listen to your children.

Please. Children will be molested.

Absolutely. Unfortunately.

The molester is – weighs more, has power.

The illness is out there, yes.

And children are innocent.

And as painful as it is to put your child through that, it's more painful to know that he's still out there. You have to do everything you can to get them off of the streets. You have to.

Men fall in love, don't they?

These are sick men. I want them to be sick. I don't want them to prove it to themselves. Show me how lonely you are and how sick that has made you...

I could only plaster the walls of these pissholes with photos of little girls and little boys. And I decided I wanted little girls that weren't mine. I want other's. I want to see pretty little strangers in rooms of ugly old men with their stubby hard cocks stuck outside of their zippers.

Can you wait?

Is that all you want?

You know where else you can go?

You have to keep this in mind. I'm aware of this all the time. I had these men look at these photos. I asked them to work it up and shoot all over the pictures. I liked the way the photos looked with cum on them.

You had to be thinking of the parents. What else could you be thinking of?

I could say that I wanted to see what they would do. If it wasn't me doing it. If I wasn't already there and didn't think it was all that difficult and disgusting, just that it was entirely workable and only important to me. I could say that I wanted them to go lower than they were. But I knew that it wasn't so offensive. It makes sense to me still. I should also tell you that I wanted to see how many men were pedophiles. That some might trade child pornography to me. I was introducing the subject. I've sucked off aggressive pedophiles before and thought it was better than simply sucking dick in booths. I wanted these slugs to be anything else than lonely and desperate and horny or just as stupid as any other dago looking for queers.

Rapists?

More like prostitution. More johns than niggers, honestly.

What about fathers.

All these men had children. I liked that they were here, I don't know if the jump to fucking their children was applicable. I wanted it though, certainly.

You have any photos of your kids?

Which one do you fuck? You like getting fucked, cocksucker? You like sucking dick? You want to stick a finger in my ass?

What's your wife like?

How old's your girlfriend, mexican? How much do you drink before you get here? Or'd you come straight from work?

What feels good?

I've never seen anything as good as these mothers crying and confused. These wifebeaters and drunkards aren't going to parade the tired social ills bright enough.

I was trying to pretty up the place. I take the ideas seriously. What's sold as sex, as respect, I firmly believe I was closer than ever before.

Such ugly people in denial.

Do you feel attacked?

Yes.

By thoughts? Or by these poor people?

The thoughts don't bother me. Not at first.

How are you – are you looking for sympathy?

Yes. Is it wrong?

This way, yes.

You think I should be more careful or less dishonest?

Less obvious?

I think I dole out too sympathy.

Does that hurt?

I enjoy it. I'm absolutely certain that I should.

Why do you want to make a horrible situation worse? What's wrong with you?

Not selfish enough.

You think they're hypocrites?

No, not really. I'm not bothered.

So why make it worse? What are you deprive of?

I want to be convinced. I'm tired of coming up short.

What would that entail?

Shut their fucking mouths.

More proof?

Less, actually.

Are you homosexual?

Yes.

Self-hating?

Not at all.

You've gotten old. She hasn't. God bless her.

You won't believe me. But I want to be exactly this.

Tell me about your character.

It wouldn't work. It could only be me. Not pretending. Only those words, only out of my fat old grey mouth.

There's young women lined up to get the job. To sit there with their mouths open waiting for the cum shot, knowing full well that anything that happens isn't as ugly or as humiliating as the audience wants to pretend. It is only ever doable. It makes no difference, casts no respectable prospect. This gets done, fools pay and fret.

I don't want to see what they go through. I don't believe they understand.

There's nothing to understand, go ahead and confuse yourself. Feel all that sympathy and contort all the emotions into something far less clear, far less satisfying.

The little emotions, Darling. Go ahead, first, make that bigger. Explore that character. Make that art. It doesn't matter where I show the fucking things. The photos they gave away indiscriminately. Or with the worst excuse I can imagine. To keep her photo out there. So that as many people as possible see the picture. Fucking amber alerts for local divorce cases on national news. They keep the articles, don't they.

I think most can't stand it.

I keep the photos. I keep all the words and interviews and opinions. They rarely come without photos. I am supposed to take this more seriously than anything else. I clearly do. And I go back. I reminisce. I want to think about it even when the public has moved on to the next case. The next one exactly like it. I have to do this because the arena is chaste. I can only get what they're giving to me and I don't expect any more. My mom and dad are good christian people. They sang gospel music all over Ohio. I can remember people like the Ramblers and Bill Gaither and throwing rocks on top of the church. I learned to be a good father to my children by being raised by good parents.

Well it was February 2005, we had lived in Florida for a year now with my parents. Now we really had a house full of love. On February 24 in the early morning hours about 2 or 3 a.m. she was taken from her bed from a stranger. For the first few days detectives told me my father knew where Jessie was, they even said they found her blood on his underclothes. They said he showed no remorse for Jessie's disappearance. They asked me to go into the room, I was broken hearted, angry and confused and I asked my father what he did with Jessie. My father looked at me and said, Marky honey I don't know where Jessie is and he began to cry. My father told the detective that he had enough and he was going home. They grabbed him by his arms and put them behind his back and told him he was not going anywhere. A few days later, they told me they thought that my mom and dad gave Jessie to someone else to raise. Then they said on national TV that my mom raised red

flags on her polygraph.

Three weeks went by and they found her killer and he confessed and told them where to find her. She was repeatedly raped, tied with stereo wire and kept in a closet for 3 days. She was only 150 yards from her bedroom. John Couey convicted sex offender arrested 23 times or more in his 46-year life took my little girl, put her in a trash bag and buried her alive at the back door of his home.

I'm sure that when she was dying she was crying for me. I still hear her cries.

I hope you hear her cries as you try to sleep at night, I hope you see the tears run down her face as she asked you to go home. I hope you spend the rest of your life in fear of death. You will never hurt another child.

As a parent I will never be able to get over the grief of knowing that she was only 150 yards away from me for at least 3 days, while I prayed for her to come home.

This is my way to get the pictures back. To take them away from these animals. I know who wants them.

I'm not with these girls. These wonderfully pre-available boys. I'm not there. The subject is pornography. Not even what I want to see over what I do see. I haven't seen it all. And if I did, I'd still not be talking about these girls. Just their names. The pictures I keep, the thoughts that I possess, rather than what possesses me. I'm not a collector. I'm not much of a thinker. I won't give the ideas up nonetheless. When the poor dears are created, I know why they were made. You can't talk about love and then sex. It doesn't work. I can't talk about what I've done and not feel it's the same. The pornography I yap on about, it's what they do, not me. I take it and put it where it belongs given the set-up they've created. I wish I didn't. I have thousands of everyday and lifelong regrets, this is not one of them.

Do you tell a child not to go to a stranger? Is that a firm rule, or is that some think a bad rule because you change the child's personality?

Right. Well, you know, that's something that is so hard. You know, I told Samantha that a stranger is somebody whose name you don't know. That you have to be aware, you have to be alert. If anybody tries to come near you, you run. She had all the warning signs. She knew what to do. But she was friendly, and maybe too friendly. But I – the thousands and thousands of people who are writing to us who are sending us cards are strangers. You know?

Yes. And strangers can be nice.

Yes. And I believe in the power of people's love and compassion and I do believe that my faith is strong and I believe that nothing happens for no reason. And the fact that all of these people are out, coming out, and have been touched by her, they're giving her purpose. They're giving this some reason.

You're saying her death may have...

May save some lives, that's what I'm saying. That it has to save lives. That's the only reason that this could happen. That the previous victims get to sleep better at night because he's gone. And just the knowledge that nobody else will be hurt by him. What kind of photos could I put up? Not photos of myself, not close-ups of my vagina spread open. Unless I was looking for violence of some kind. I didn't want to make a point to these slugs. They'd invite me home. Want me to be available regularly. Who else do you have, faggot?

Is it possible that you're looking at all of this wrong? I mean, obviously, there's the chance that you're just dead fucking wrong. The evidence is greater to the opposite side...

I know, I worry that I have the wrong definition of good.

Do you want revenge?

That's not what I mean. That maybe what I think is good for all isn't good at all. And that I'm trying hardest to learn what it looks like to act as if I give a fuck. I'm looking harder and harder at sex. At what I fuck. I do know how this can be exciting.

Is that what's consensual – is that where you draw the line? Adults and–

That's what I'm talking about. I find the pictures of these children exciting. I want to say sexually. Others want you to believe that it's entirely sexual. But that's as base as sex, the reason that sex doesn't fucking work.

I watched a little girl in a bookstore, maybe two years old at most, dressed up nice and warm and smiling quietly, not giggly, petting a large size plush dog. I don't think the universe is built around fucking that, the same way I don't think fucking a middle aged dump is what you're here for either. I do respond. I don't want to complicate it. My baby had her babysize back broken in two. Had cigarettes pressed into her unfeeling corpse. Was photographed with her chubby small legs up to her ears. While some fat slob stuffed anything at all into her. There's, no matter what you say, no foresight there. So the definition of what I want ultimately must be seriously thin somehow. Very sad.

You wanted to hurt the little 2-year-old?

Yes.

Because of what happened?

I don't know. I can't argue against that. It would have made me release the hurt I feel, right? Who fucking knows. If it does work that way then I'm willing to agree to that. It's not ever going to be the sole reason, though. It's not the second and third reasons. But if it works, it works.

What did you want to do? How did you see yourself hurting her?

She was small enough, it wouldn't have taken much. The crying would start immediately.

Take pictures?

I can say that now.

Did you want to see her mother suffer? Bereft?

I should say yes. I think of it now. But, again, maybe it's just that I want to judge how someone else will react. How they'll handle it. I'd like to see that and that isn't so fucking terrible, so fucking pigheaded hard to understand.

What would you do?

Stick my fingers in. My mouth over.

What next?

Not create fiction.

How should the mother act?

Fall to pieces. Permanently starting now. Accept no money. Want and want. Never ever fuck someone she knows. Only strangers. Lots of strangers, in public corners. Repeat. That'll make it all better, sow.

Don't you bang your fists and say why?

Yes, of course. Of course.

Do you sleep?

Barely. Barely. I try, and every day is better. Every day is better.

It is? But there will never be normalcy again for you?

No.

Or them. It will stay, especially that friend.

Yes.

What's her name again?

Sarah. No one would believe it. But it goes from there to this. Just the unraped photos. I don't know how to convince you, you'll always think there's a denial to dredge through. Me, I wade in and hope it takes over. Gives me something new and even more special. You can't have denial. It's so much bigger than what you think you're doing when you start. There's changes that happen but they are grasped and fortunate and not in any way stuck under the rubric of what others keep saying is healthy or helpful. It is never tragic. Which isn't to say that I've come to terms with it in the classical sense. It's too late.

I think of it this way. There's the cops and they'll tell you what laws you've broken. Very clear lines and concise thoughts all somehow based on what every other person in the fucking world want and have, apparently. And then you do the work. You find what they're hiding from you. And you realize they're wrong at core. You know, from the start, that you've never seen anything more... worthwhile. Something like this makes you want to give your life over to it. You can spend your entire life doing this. But it is reasonable. It'll be denigrated by people who haven't done the work as an obsession. First. Something that's missing in your life. How dare they. How stupid they sound. How typical and embarrassing for you. It is that special.

Do you need them to watch?

Yes. I don't know if the people I accuse of lying might actually be correct. You ask them: Does this make sense? Until it doesn't matter only because you know what the answer will be every time.

Ask me.

What's your favorite memory?

Just one? I don't...

I wouldn't pick one either. I'd let them all bang together. That's an acceptable definition of sex, isn't it?

You think you know more than anybody else because of what you went through. But there's armies of people who'd rather see you succeed than fail.

I hear people I don't know say my baby is an angel. I think they believe it when they're surprised that it comes out of their mouths. So easy to say. So easy to wish and convince yourself.

You can understand what they're trying to do for you.

I can see what they're doing for themselves. Their repulsive level. I don't make the mistake of seeing these men masturbating onto photos of children, collecting images of other braver and even more fucked-up large lonely men molesting sweetly worthless children, cocksuckers, fucking asshole stuffing, fingering, digging cocksuckers hiding and jacking off and licking and talking all the fucking lisping time. Wanting more little dick and tinier and tinier clean little butts. I don't make the sick mistake of thinking that's so fucking different than dressing up little rats in chiffon and piano tracks and missions that push every single ugly bucktoothed trait they'll have no matter fucking what front and loud center. These niggers, switchback hillbillies. Look at the audience for this shit. Drawl. Cunt. Drawl and point.

They can't do anything but talk about what they don't know. Accuse me of the same thing, fine. I see it in the work. I want to see more. Do you?

She wasn't pretty. Not worth a second look – until she was known as she is now. As pornography. Intent.

Someone who will do this. Just like your daughter. Tell the truth, though, this isn't going to move anything forward. Won't make anything better or perpetual either. Yet that is what you want. That's what this is. You can create a moment of semi-importance but then get fucking over it, easy enough.

I don't know what the truth is. I'm not trying to test it. But what does happen is you do want to see how it stands up. The process is silent, backstage. As it should be. And then you do have it there in front of you. Lucky. This has been the most awful nightmare, and your sympathy and love throughout have given my family tremendous comfort and strength. I must thank the Orange County Sheriff, the Riverside Sheriff, the FBI, the media and the public for working together and dedicating themselves to finding our daughter and her murderer so quickly. Nothing can bring our baby back, but knowing that her death was handled with the utmost integrity and her life cherished by so many does bring some solace.

You called her Mantha, is that what you called her?

Yes.

First I need to express my sorrow to the Cliftons for the tragic loss that they have suffered. I don't think that any parenting manual can ever prepare a parent to outlive their child. I cannot say here how they feel because the loss that Steve and I suffered is different. Each time that I look out of our kitchen window to the house across the street, my heart clutches at the thought of what the Cliftons are going through. I cannot undo what is done and there is not a day that passes that I don't think about Maddie and her family that love her. I'm sorry for their grief, but I cannot repair their heartbreak any more than I can repair our own. Josh is my son and I want you to know that he always has the love and support of myself, his father, his family and friends. Together we define the words unconditional love. A parent worthy of the title does not abandon a child in his or her greatest time of need no matter what happens.

A tragedy born in an accident occurred and Josh panicked. Very bad impulse reactions took place in rapid succession. After reading the deposition of Dr. Ochoa and doing further studying on my own about the condition that Josh has, bilateral frontal lobe lesions, I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that they played the major part in what happened after the baseball hit Maddie. The more I learned about the frontal lobe, the more I am certain that they definitely exist in Josh. But what I, as his mother, attribute to immaturity, possible personality quirks, and at times even laziness, are all signs of frontal lobe abnormality. There is no way that we could have possibly known it, in fact several psychological experts who examined Josh missed it until an abnormality showed up in an EEG. Some of the things that I have learned, but are not limited to, inability to stifle impulses, defer gratification of planning, problems stopping unwanted behaviors, impulsivity, inability to perceive

error, problems with organization, problems modulating emotions, complacency, impaired capacity of judging future consequences as a result of one's actions, distractibility, inability in judging one's own . . . situations, an ability to understand whether an action will bring praise or punishment.

I wish there was a way we could have known before such a terrible tragedy occurred but the truth of it is, after speaking to people in the field of psychology, most people with bilateral frontal lobe lesions are not diagnosed until their teens or early twenties. And generally only after some traumatic event has taken place. Lame reasons aside, we must not lose sight of the fact that Josh is still a child. He was only fourteen years old in November of 1998. I believe he was denied due process at the time of his arrest because he is a minor.

A report on juvenile crime and punishment written by Eddie Becker, PhD at the University of Connecticut, states in part: "The issue of juvenile incompetency has been raised in regard to a child's capacity to understand proceedings. In the past, the very existence of a separate juvenile system suggests that the children were not considered competent by adult standards. These stipulations apply to the capacity to waive the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney, the Miranda rights, as well as the ability to participate in a trial. Some advocates maintain that questioning a child in a police station is inherently coercive. Education of policy makers, judicial representatives in the public about the developmental distinction that separate a child from an adult should be a high priority. Add the fact that Josh also has a problem with his brain and I believe it further proves that he ought never have been indicted on a first-degree murder charge as an adult.

I have known Josh longer than any other single person because I am the one who carried him. There is an undeniable bond between a mother and her child. I prayed for a child who has compassion in his heart and I know that Josh has that quality. I have seen it firsthand many times. There is no one on this earth who was more shocked at the discovery in his bedroom than I. There are no words to describe what I felt that morning. And I stand here still with reasonable doubt in my heart that Josh even did what he was convicted of. I have no doubt with regards to the brain lesions, but I do have reasonable doubt, and I have never in 15-plus years ever seen Josh violent towards another living being. Josh is not giving up on his life. He wants to finish his education. He believes in God and reads his Bible every day. He wants to help other people. His main concerns are not for himself but for the people he cares about. He is going to try and shine his light and as his mother I can do no less with my own life. I will do all that I can to help him and to try and educate people about the kind of person that I have always known in my heart and soul as Josh to be.

You know, he cried for your daughter.

Oh, I know he did. He did. He promised – he made promises and he kept them, every last one of them, including finding her before her birthday, which...

He said that – before her birthday?

Oh, yes. And that sent terror through every police officer out there, I'm sure. But they did it.

What was your first meeting with him like? Could you tell he was special?

Yes, I could.

There's a quality about him.

I know they won't stop. They won't stop until they get caught. I don't know why that's acceptable as a reason to want them to stop. I've been trying to remember that it was one man. Not a group. Not even a gender. No more they or what he's like amongst others like him. I can tell you why he has to stop doing this. I can't tell you what he's done to others that haven't suffered the exact same, what's direct, as me.

I told my boyfriend that I wanted him to take photographs of me. I haven't aged well. I didn't want it to be a public release afterward. I wanted to see what was wrong with me, what was wrong with what we were doing because of what was wrong with me. Immediately the discussion became

about age. Any excuse I had that it was better than what I was looking for had to be given to me by someone that loved or cared about me. And I looked for the excuses. Looked for what could be correct in what we were doing and what I thought I had a right to. Of course, the photographs proved that everything else was lies. Not everything else, actually. I think it's more everything. There was little I could find that didn't disgust me and the language I could use to destroy those opinions became uglier and heavier every time I'd listen to this prick tell me what I apparently wasn't seeing correctly.

Don't stop. That's what I came up with. Don't ask him to stop and don't put any energy into thinking there's a respectful or loving way to malign what has happened and what you have and, fuck me, exactly what I want. He shouldn't have stopped, maybe. More to the point, I couldn't force him to. It was none of my business. I was simply wrong in every way whenever I considered the reasons he had to do this and what I had in demanding my rights. I'm going to talk about someone else now. I'm not going to ever talk about her as mine anymore. I don't think she was mine. I know that she didn't belong to anyone. Not the cunt that put cigarette burns into her tiny naked body after he filmed her. Not the creeps who thought that was what made her significant, collectable. Aside from all the rest that they could find. The little girl with the cigarette burns on her nipples and baby face. And she couldn't say anything. She didn't have the possibility to make sense of what was happening, what she wanted to happen. She didn't own her body then. At her age, she never did. Either. I can't say that she belonged to anyone to any way. She didn't know enough to fight back and couldn't have anyways. Not at her size, mental and physical. Poor dear. She had nothing before she ended up this way. I wish she did. But that does nothing. I'd like to learn something from that. Be able to say that you could see much more. Than only what happened. I can't. You definitely can't either. He shouldn't have stopped. There was no good reason that he should have thought better. And it isn't my job to make all that murkier. I would love to be able to say that I owe her more. That there was a meta-contract of sorts. But, if anything, if nothing else I guess, that was what was proven false. I don't need another way to look at it. Because I know exactly how I'm looking at it now.

We were talking about the strength of mothers. And you were telling us during the break how you were out looking the first night, looking for Samantha. Tell me that again.

Well, I'm sure that anybody who imagines that this would happen, you know you can't sit there. You know, they want you to sit there and not hurt yourself, but you have – I had to go out and look. And luckily they were looking so hard they didn't realize that I was.

So you walked by yourself?

Yes.

Down the street?

Yes. I went to where her school was, because that was my instant thought, was maybe it was someone from the neighborhood. I just felt compelled to go that way, I don't know why. Went up by her school, and was just walking in the street looking, pounding on trunks and...

Anything?

Anything, anything, and listening for her. And in my state, I heard her cry "mommy."

And a car happened to come in front of me at that exact moment. And he was driving slowly, thank goodness. And I jumped on the hood of his car. I shook like this, and he wouldn't stop, and so I jumped on the hood of his car. And I grabbed the rear-view – the side mirror and pounded on his window. And I was holding her picture. And he stopped.

And I opened his door and asked him to open his trunk, and he drove away. But it wasn't him.

And I'm sorry to that man, because I terrified him.

The voice was an imagined voice.

Yes, I'm sure. I'm sure.

Like Jessica on her bike?

Poor little dear. She wasn't a tomboy. So much sadder.

Is that possible?

Jessie was a beautiful baby. I can remember when she was about one year old, and she would laugh at me and give me kisses and hugs and pick the raisins out of my cereal as we sat at the kitchen counter.

I remember when she was about 4 and she would run through the house telling on her older sister Elizabeth and her brother Gerald, all the time. They're about 10 years older or more than Jessie. They learned to give her what she wanted. I got more hugs and kisses and I love yous.

I can remember how she missed her brother and sister when they got older and moved out, I got more hugs and kisses, she got nephews and a niece. She was about 7 then.

She could drive the bratz through the house in their bratz car. She can operate a D-9 Dozer and a rubber tire loader from her father's knee. From bumps to bruises, from bandaids to bicycles, she was a tomboy with her daddy and a very nice young lady for her grandma.

I could go on and on but the best way to describe Jessie is for you to think about the small child in your life. You know the one, the one you would change the world for.

Was there a period of – I keep hearing this in death – of denial? Where people who have death faced in their life, either told they're going to die, not accepting that fact, or when they have a death of a loved one.

I didn't really.

No, you're a realist?

I think because of the night that it happened, that I felt her go was in the middle of the night. And we were still working on hanging posters up. And I continued doing that. But I think when later that day they found her, suddenly I realized that I was right, you know. And there was – I just don't understand why they kill them. I'll never understand that.

It's hard to understand why a predator does what a predator does anyway.

That's all I could say was, why do they hurt them? Why do they – you know, if you're sick, you're sick, but why do you have to hurt them, you know? To take your own illness out, to not realize how sick – what a sickness it is and to hurt children, to realize that this is your problem, not a baby's. That these are human beings who have histories, that have personalities, that have potential that you can never imagine.

To take that away to feed your need, it's an unbelievable selfishness. It's unbelievable.

It is almost impossible to have compassion for it, right? You might say they're sick. Did you watch his mother on television, the accused?

No, no.

You can't have...

I will not. Like I said, I don't even want...

To go near it?

Right. I think part of the way that he did this feels like that. I don't want to make him a movie star. If that is part of his motive, I don't want to let that happen. How could I not want to live like that. What else do I have is no longer sufficient. If you look at what I've been offered as health, as advice from others in my group, you'll see that the mouths flapping at me have only sickness to give. Literally. These animals are sick, obviously. Loud and deranged and as untouched as their mental instabilities demand. Just fucking dishing it out in heaps. I'm tired of sickness. Like that. I haven't grown tired of working through it. I'm tired of having to be seen as politely listening to sick people without the audience knowing that I know they're sick. Fuck the audience then. They are stupid people. And I might be able to find something exciting there. Insisting insistent palsies. Midgets. I know more than most, so I should be able to tear them open and pick out something nice to stick my fingers in and fuck. Who'd want to fuck that? Fucking highschool. What sort of lowest could you have possibly been. To be part of this morass still?

Do you want them to stop hurting you?

Is that what they're doing?

It's okay you can tell me. Want to do an interview?

Do you think I have to like you first? Is that what you're doing? You have to find a way in, then slip all that sense in, right? It's seriously fucking important that you make the first move since I'm currently too distressed to understand. Get me to like you, darling, where does that fucking go? Some teenage version of adulthood. You want to fuck, sweetheart? You got a couple minutes. Lift up your shirt, move your bra down and cover that motherless now flab. I'll jerk off on your tits. While I just stare at your tits.

They showed Samantha's drawings. Did she draw a lot?

Oh, yes. Every day, all the time. She had this virtual – it was hard to get her to eat breakfast because she either wanted to swing or to draw.

She was pretty good.

Yes, she was.

Have you saved them?

Oh, yes. Yes.

Are you going to keep her room or what are you going to do?

I don't know. I don't know how to do that.

I don't know either.

Right now, part of my process was I've put everything that she loved on her bed. And then it actually makes it easier because I get to visit her often because every person that comes in who I know who loved her, I take them upstairs and we sit there and I take them on a tour of all of her schoolwork. And it just reminds you that every day that she was alive, she was happy. And that helps me, because she was. She lived every day to its absolute fullest.

Do you get lonely?

Not. Not lonely.

There's too many people around.

Basically making noise.

You miss her, you miss your life with her. You miss a life. That had promise, dreams, whatever might have happened or could have. Accomplishments, years of hard work. There's a void, a hole – you don't know what was promised now. Yet these men. They're lonely. The word isn't strong enough to box up and seal all the damage that being alone and wanting that to fantastically, cruelly, stop somefuckinghow creates. Wanting comfort, I guess, some shared or unselfish connection to anything than what you've got so loudly and perpetually... You can see a connection, can't you?

I do the work alone. It sabotages the empathy I might be able to locate. The desperation that I see, that I look just as desperately for, that I covet and indulge, seems cheap, sadistic, because I'm necessarily above that. I know my level, I know what medication not to take.

Who do you think you sound like?

There's not a single contradiction that bothers me too much. There's different connections to be made than what victim I finally choose to mimic when the selections start to seem more thematically exciting than specifically boring. Very little predation there, I'm sure, frankly.

Is what you do obscene?

The only way to circumvent the legal definition of obscenity is to prove, or construct briefly reliable, degrees of sympathy. I don't see myself as a vulture. Everyone else must. Or another victim. I'm not disappointed enough to stop. There was, of course, no way that I could see myself as having responsibility for any of this. To my mind, I was the victim. How could a person be responsible for something over which he had no control? After all, I had not wanted to be a pedophile. It was a matter over which I was never given a choice. I was, according to my view, different – born, defective, broken – and that state of being different was absolute and unalterable. Pedophilia was something I was forced to live with.

This is why I can do this. The trauma that had to be added when the tangible evidence isn't available. When the mouths needed excuses and tales that they could use to convince you of extra worth. I don't want to be the mother of a murdered child. I just want my baby photographed. By someone I didn't count on.

She's tall for her age. And skinny and flat. And I want her to forget it. Until we see it together as adults.

It must be terrible. I don't remember any of it. What did you do? You don't think I let this happen? I didn't even know. What has changed. Are you suggesting that I'm to blame. That I failed. That I didn't do more to get you to this point than not. Do you feel fucking betrayed. Princess. No longer powerless. It changes everything. I wasn't safe. How often do you masturbate. What was it like to take your clothes off in front of a man for the first time. Terrible. Of course. Don't do that anymore. What chance did Jessica have. None. It's not worth considering. I don't care if it seems unfair or impolite or luckily evasive. The simple fact, what really cleverly exists, is that the photos are beautiful. She deserved more. It comes from the photo. You can't tell, you don't know why. Can't you just imagine the tragedy. Which one. She's a waste of space, ultimately. What chance did she have starting fucking when. Growing up under there. In a redneck gene puddled trailer park. Sorry, home. With parents – still – as stupid as that. Drug arrests piling up behind every blind cuddled quiet birthday. The color photos are everything. She'd never be more attractive. Does she become cuter because the details are parsed and the collected mind has a finite stop. Only for this briefly filmed and available real-life character. The girl who could have succeeded. I don't make the same judgements. I don't think saying the father shouldn't have been in charge of someone so ideally, clearly, special makes sense either.

You get that attention, Darling?

Say thank you. Try to sound level.

Do you think she'd hate her mother?

It doesn't matter. I know this has happened. I'm not going to guess what life would be like if it hadn't. The appropriate question is do I hate my mother. Appropriate for you, anybody but me, to ask.

You're an adult, who gives a fuck what fucked you up way back when. You're certainly old enough to have gotten over everything by now.

We were more than father and daughter, we were best friends. As a single father I learned alot of things about my children that only a single parent could understand. Me and Jessie would argue about who loved each other the most.

There's so much from Chicago. So much local news or local opinion of national events and concerns. You couldn't say it's a collection of child pornography obsessed media.

I was arrested here. It's not an overview. I go to bars here. Make my purchases around all of this. I know where to go when I travel. I've seen the news streamlined to the internet but I started to see the tabloid language of Britain take over in the US to where it is now. I preferred the low order of those who instigated those changes, starting with Brady. The rounding up of the lower classes, the clumsy, condescending inclusion of the sidelined voiceless. I was well acquainted with hustler interview iconography well before that.

Moved from audience, clientele, to subject. The parents of missing and murdered and rarely photographed dolls talk about the world's children while representing the most provincial permanence ever.

Vendors are always unbearably kind. Not generous necessarily. But the quoted are recipients of incredible, transparent, kindness. It turns them into transvestites. Ugly, misshapen on the outside, ugly before that even, and yet basking in, accepting, begging for, compliments and praise.

Succor? Relief?

The only section that doesn't grow hideous are the picture stops. Sympathy never sustains. Watching the particulars beg for it as important to me as watching them receive it. I honestly don't care what they do with it. They lie. Which is fine.

You do feel sympathetic.

Yes. I could say that I try very hard but that sounds disingenuous if not unfair. I'm very sorry. I have nothing but sympathy for most of these people, I'm further sorry if that sounds cynical or gullible. I'm seriously out of my league there. I want them to be happy. I look for it, desperately, as I've said.

If you're doing drag of a childless mother, blowjob fathers, you've also taken on the outfit of the newscasters and journalists. You are camp and the work is satiric as much as it is sexually desperate, obsessive. Who do you only think you're mocking?

No, that's not true.
There's no distinction between questions and answers anymore. I adore this footage. Everything

comes together. These words, all of them together and finely detailed. There's a child screaming in a corner. Crying uncontrollably because it is frightened, shriekingly angry and lashing screaming forward. The frustration blinds out her little mind into rage that occurs as shock and vulnerable white appeal. It simply, rooted, does not know what it is being asked to do. Doesn't want what is happening. Is searching for anything reliant. I'm not that little child.

I don't want the next step to be the adult berating the thing to shush it. Or take its cock in large hand and approach to insert or rub. To stay where it is and masturbates. Offer a stopgap cuddle and groom back to complete.

Would it be easier if you pointed to the picture?

Yes.

Okay.

Is there a girl in there? He tried um...

What did he try to do with his penis in your vagina?

He tried to show me how men and women made a baby.

Yeah?

Uh huh.

But what did he do with his penis in your vagina?

Well he didn't really go in but he tried to show me with it. They were really... and then he showed me how they could have it but not have a baby by not using that. There are so many scenes, I know more examples of yes rather than no, where the women who've been moaning and encouraging with their smeared mouths open and tongues extended so that the plug can masturbate and aim inside. I see it less in gay pornography but those acts are quickly becoming the chief requirement there now as well. It's not my job to talk them out of it or not fit to expectation. I tell them just let me look. They want condoms. Extra fingers. I'm just going to cum on your tits, your ass, spread it a little more, open up, into your pubic hair, putting my cock over theirs and jerking us both off. I don't want to cum in your mouth, on your face, you can cum in mine. You want me to lick the last drops of piss off, stick my head into the urinal. I'll get my cum out of your ass, don't worry. Tastes like shit, like heaven, like your beautiful body, cryjag testimony, xanax. Can I have just a moment? Do you have time?

All one person?

Yes. Sympathetically offered.

More sex? Better sex?

This. The process is personal, the art is not. It should be, though. Still. If I didn't do the work, all this would be forgotten by me. Contempt and sympathy. Very little empathy. Management isn't as much a problem as you'd think.

Do you think I don't know what you're like?

I think a predisposition to the material is essential. It's not juxtaposition. It's narrative. If you must. It's ideal. This does not have to exist. I want it to. I want this. The photos behind the clippings, I had to pick them from so many different pictures. I made one little girl grow up that couldn't have

otherwise. I gave another mother her chance at saving what she was missing.

All about children.

Just about.

Not entirely, right?

Probably not all. They might not make a difference.

It's necessary though...

I don't think so.

What happened?

One. The victim, an 8-year-old female at the time, first met the defendant in May 2001 when he helped the victim's mother move into a new apartment. The defendant continued to have contact with the victim and her mother through the church they all attended and in late August 2001, the defendant volunteered to mentor the victim. The victim's mother agreed to let the defendant spend time with the victim. Throughout August and early September the defendant took the victim swimming at Webster Lake and on occasion took her to his house. During that time the defendant touched the victim's genital area while they were swimming.

Two. On one occasion, while at the defendant's house, the victim asked the defendant "where babies come from." The defendant told the victim that it was too hard to explain and that he would show her. He took off his clothes and had the victim take off her clothes. He next got on top of the victim on his bed and touched his penis to her genital area, but said that he could not show her because his penis would not fit into her vagina. He then put his mouth on her genital area and touched her genital area with his hand. After that he masturbated, ejaculated onto her and wiped the semen off with a paper towel. Then he placed his penis inside her mouth.

After he was done.

What did she do?

She was learning.

She didn't have a choice.

What did he do?

As little as necessary. Everything he could have, basically.

Should've done less.

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